



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:

<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 – 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 Streh, 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)
 - 1. Threatened or Pending Litigation



MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors

Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer

From: Tarah Jaramillo, Executive Assistant

Date: February 9, 2026

Re: Consideration/Approval of the Consent Agenda.

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, and for your information, a list of the approved MRGCD licenses for January.

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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	24,987.59 1,041.60	DECEMBER 2025 WITHHOLDING TAX WORKERS' COMPENSATION FEE - QTR. 4	
EFT	DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS	1,263.21	2025 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - QTR. 4	
EFT	PAYROLL	382,383.07	PAY PERIOD 27	
EFT	PERA	139,604.21	PAY PERIOD 27	
EFT	IRS	56,943.01	PAY PERIOD 27	
EFT	VOYA DEFERRED COMP	9,014.09	PAY PERIOD 27	
EFT	PAYROLL	366,648.23	PAY PERIOD 28	
EFT	PERA	138,970.25	PAY PERIOD 28	
EFT	IRS	49,371.68	PAY PERIOD 28	
EFT	VOYA DEFERRED COMP	9,224.09	PAY PERIOD 28	
TOTAL PAYROLL		<u>1,179,451.03</u>		
156893	CENTURY EQUIPMENT RENTALS	(202.32)	VOIDED CHECK DATED 12.12.25	
156917	DESERT GREENS EQUIPMENT	(100.00)	VOIDED CHECK DATED 12.12.25	
156925	US LBM OPERATING CO 3009, LLC	(138.00)	VOIDED CHECK DATED 12.12.25	
Checks				
157092	AFSCME COUNCIL 18	2,258.90	UNION DUES	GENERAL FUND
157093	BCBS	10,973.80	DENTAL INSURANCE	GENERAL FUND
157094	BERNALILLO COUNTY CLERK	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
157095	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT	1,175.26	PAYROLL GARNISHMENTS	GENERAL FUND
157096	CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE	207,491.52	HEALTH INSURANCE	GENERAL FUND
157097	FAMILY FARM ALLIANCE	2,750.00	FY26 FAMILY FARM ALLIANCE DUES	GENERAL FUND
157098	HM LIFE INSURANCE	1,504.69	DAVIS VISION	GENERAL FUND
157099	LEGALSHIELD	583.55	LEGAL SHIELD	GENERAL FUND
157100	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	49.63	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		28.71	HYDROLOGY/WATER OPS SUPPLIES	WATER OPERATIONS
		110.00	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
157101	RAUSCH STURM LLP	237.32	PAYROLL GARNISHMENTS	GENERAL FUND
157102	SANDOVAL COUNTY CLERK	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
157103	THOMPSON, REBECCA	761.50	FALL 2025 TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	ACCOUNTING
157104	UNUM LIFE INSURANCE	13,724.40	LIFE/DISABILITY INS	GENERAL FUND
157105	VALENCIA COUNTY CLERK	75.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
157106	ABCWUA	636.52	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		354.88	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		711.40	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	GENERAL OFFICE
157107	ATMAX EQUIPMENT CO	38.62	MISC. PARTS/SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		480.03	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157108	BOOT BARN	319.99	EMPLOYEE BOOT VOUCHER	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
157109	CENTURY LINK	98.34	VOIP/INTERNET	BELEN DIVISION
157110	CINTAS FIRST AID	55.00	WATER COOLER RENTAL	BELEN DIVISION
157111	CITY OF SOCORRO	433.57	NATURAL GAS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		242.83	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	SOCORRO DIVISION
157112	COMCAST CABLE COMM.	1,020.08	VOIP/INTERNET	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
157113	CONTINENTAL BATTERY	174.90	BATTERIES	BELEN DIVISION
		393.00	BATTERIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
157114	DESERT GARDENS	16,724.53	VEGETATION REMOVAL	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
157115	GENUINE NAPA	39.65	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
157116	HEIGHTS SECURITY	31.95	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157117	JIVE COMMUNICATIONS,	2,596.31	VOIP/INTERNET	GENERAL OFFICE
157118	LINDE GAS	130.91	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157119	MESA OIL, INC	125.00	HERBICIDE/FLUIDS DISPOSAL	BELEN DIVISION
157120	MORA, RUBEN	669.73	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
157121	NAPA AUTO PARTS	16.98	HYDROLOGY/WATER OPS SUPPLIES	WATER OPERATIONS
157122	PENA BLANCA SANIT	95.19	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	COCHITI DIVISION
157123	PNM	971.90	ELECTRICITY	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		668.18	ELECTRICITY	BELEN DIVISION
		268.41	ELECTRICITY	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		1,293.19	ELECTRICITY	GENERAL OFFICE
157124	RANCHERO BUILDERS	94.38	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
157125	RELIANCE STEEL #12	1,885.00	REBAR	INVENTORY

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157126	SAN ACACIA MDWCA	21.52	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	SOCORRO DIVISION
157127	SELECT PROPERTIES	517.95	LAND PURCHASE LUX PROPERTY FEEDER 3	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
157128	SOCORRO ELECTRIC	487.09	ELECTRICITY	SOCORRO DIVISION
		683.47	PUMP ELECTRICITY	SOCORRO DIVISION
157129	SOUTHWEST CONSTRUCTION	44.10	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
157130	SOUTHWEST LANDFILL	4,013.72	LANDFILL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		136.24	LANDFILL	BELEN DIVISION
157131	SPECIALTY COMMUNICATIONS	161.44	MONTHLY RADIO REPEATER	WATER OPERATIONS
157132	TAS SECURITY SYSTEMS	132.51	SECURITY SERVICES	GENERAL OFFICE
157133	TRANSCRIPTION	264.26	BOARD MINUTES & TRANSCRIPTIONS	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
157134	ULINE, INC.	122.58	ANTI VIBRATION GLOVES	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
157135	VERIZON WIRELESS	3,314.38	WIRELESS SERVICE - DECEMBER	ALL DEPTS/DIVISIONS
157136	WIPER SUPPLY INC	476.54	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157137	COMPASS ENGINEERING	631,586.47	CORRALES SIPHON PROJECT	GRANTS FUND ABQ
157138	CONSERVANCY OIL CO	1,760.00	DEF	INVENTORY
157139	HOME DEPOT CREDIT	59.94	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		567.08	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		166.10	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		166.80	GATES & FENCING	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
		43.96	OFFICE SUPPLIES	HUMAN RESOURCES
		30.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		119.91	SAFETY SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		99.98	SAFETY SUPPLIES	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
		386.82	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		49.96	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		37.44	STUCCO / PAINT	GENERAL OFFICE
157140	QUADIENT, INC.	5,000.00	POSTAGE REFILL	GENERAL FUND
157141	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	77.98	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		138.00	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
157142	STATE OF NEW MEXICO	100.00	APPLICATION FEE OSE - CORRALES SIPHON	WATER OPERATIONS
157143	WEX BANK	61,885.81	UNLEADED \$11,907 DIESEL \$49,908 FEES \$70	MULTIPLE DEPTS/DIVISIONS
157144	AFSCME COUNCIL 18	2,326.52	UNION DUES	GENERAL FUND
157145	BOHANNAN HUSTON	8,293.32	FEEDER 3 TASK ORDER 5	ENGINEERING
157146	BOHANNAN HUSTON	4,542.23	BELEN HIGHLINE OVERFLOW DESIGN	BELEN DIVISION
157147	BOHANNAN HUSTON	10,625.06	BELEN HIGHLINE CONSTRUCTION ADMIN	BELEN DIVISION
157148	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT	1,175.26	PAYROLL GARNISHMENTS	GENERAL FUND
157149	INSCCU	472.00	PAYROLL GARNISHMENTS	GENERAL FUND
157150	LOPEZ PRECISION, LLC	118,827.79	BELEN HIGHLINE STRUCTURE PROJECT	BELEN DIVISION
		59,999.00	HOEY ON FARM PROJECT	CONSERVATION/PLANNING
157151	RAUSCH STURM LLP	300.00	PAYROLL GARNISHMENTS	GENERAL FUND
157152	SPENCER FANE LLP	3,188.83	LEGAL SERVICES	GENERAL FUND
157153	WIGGINS, WILLIAMS	15,677.73	LEGAL SERVICES	GENERAL FUND
157154	WILSON & COMPANY	78,192.56	SOCORRO CHANNEL LINING ADMIN	GRANTS FUND SOC
157155	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	28.30	FLUIDS/FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		331.56	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		118.46	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
157156	ACTION HOSE INC.	401.81	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		146.50	PARTS & REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		62.52	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
157157	ALBUQUERQUE BOLT	1,217.00	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
157158	ALBUQUERQUE FREIGHT	749.34	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
157159	ALBUQUERQUE GRAVEL	3,230.00	CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157160	ALBUQUERQUE PUBLISHING	9,864.00	CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE	BELEN DIVISION
		589.82	BOARD MEETING PUBLICATIONS	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		832.29	LEGAL NOTICES	WATER OPERATIONS
157161	ALFRED APPRAISAL	5,381.25	CABEZON CHANNEL EASEMENT APPRAISAL	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
157162	ALLSTATE HYDRAULICS	4,873.50	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157163	AMAZON CAPITAL	31.25	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		209.70	HYDROLOGY/WATER OPS SUPPLIES	WATER OPERATIONS
		2,660.04	IPADS- ISO SUPERVISORS	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		31.21	LAPTOP DOCKING STATION	GIS/MAPPING
		96.99	LAPTOP DOCKING STATION	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		308.66	MONITORS	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		185.75	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
		49.40	PLOTTER PAPER	GIS/MAPPING
		8.49	POWER CORD	INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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		159.98	RECOVERY STRAPS	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
		304.25	SAFETY SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		55.00	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
	AMAZON CAPITAL	237.90	SOLAR PANELS / RING CAMERAS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		190.32	SOLAR PANELS / RING CAMERAS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		207.98	WIFI EXTENDER	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157164	AQUA SYSTEMS 2000	550.00	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
157165	ATMAX EQUIPMENT CO	5,350.00	LANGEMANN GATE WIRING PANEL	BELEN DIVISION
		3,872.26	ATMAX FILTERS	INVENTORY
		25.00	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		75.00	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		39.75	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		398.40	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
157166	AWARDS ETC. LLC	15.00	NAME & TITLE PLATE	GENERAL OFFICE
157167	BAKER UTILITY SUPPLY	222.00	COUPLINGS	INVENTORY
157168	BENAVIDEZ, CAROL	246.48	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
157169	BRUCKNER TRUCK SALES	959.58	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157170	BUSTED STEM	139.91	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		341.71	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		191.34	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		113.01	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
157171	CBI, INC.	2,203.75	BASIN STUDY AG COMMITTEE FACILITATION	GRANTS FUND GO
157172	CENTURY EQUIPMENT	39.00	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157173	CENTURY LINK	748.11	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157174	CHASE MECHANICAL LLC	195.82	VOIP/INTERNET	SOCORRO DIVISION
157175	CHOICE STEEL COMPANY	1,361.52	ICE MACHINE WATER FILTER UPGRADE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157176	CINTAS FIRST AID	11.44	PARTS & REPAIRS	WATER OPERATIONS
		55.00	WATER COOLER RENTAL	BELEN DIVISION
		45.00	WATER COOLER RENTAL	COCHITI DIVISION
		45.00	WATER COOLER RENTAL	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		45.00	WATER COOLER RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION
157177	CONCRETE SYSTEMS INC	164.67	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
157178	CONSERVANCY OIL CO	2,426.60	HITACHI OIL	INVENTORY
157179	CONSTRUCTION RENTAL	15.00	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157180	CONTECH CONSTRUCTION	234.28	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157181	CONTINENTAL BATTERY	7,720.00	ARCH CMP	INVENTORY
		166.06	BATTERIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		546.05	BATTERIES	BELEN DIVISION
		(15.00)	BATTERIES-CREDIT	SOCORRO DIVISION
157182	CRAIG INDEPENDENT	335.53	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
157183	DESERT GARDENS	910.15	VEGETATION REMOVAL	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
157184	DESERT GREENS EQUIPMENT	262.30	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		693.46	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		302.34	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
157185	DKG & ASSOCIATES	349.86	ROOF FLASHING	GENERAL OFFICE
157186	DOUBLE H AUTO INC.	436.36	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
157187	EXPRESS AUTO GLASS	100.00	WINDOW TINT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		420.00	WINDSHIELD REPLACEMENT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		800.00	WINDSHIELD REPLACEMENT	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
157188	FLEETPRIDE	37.49	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
157189	FRANK'S SUPPLY CO	561.30	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
157190	GENSLER, DAVID	779.23	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
157191	GENUINE NAPA	749.33	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		1,204.99	PARTS & REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		330.51	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
157192	GEOTEL CORPORATION	1,106.59	ANNUAL PRESS CLIPPING SERVICE	ADMINISTRATION
157193	GM PIPE, LLC	34,471.00	CMP PIPE	INVENTORY
157194	GOMEZ, RAY	2,624.49	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
157195	GOVERNMENT PORTFOLIO	1,128.98	INVESTMENT SERVICE	ACCOUNTING
157196	GPS, LLC	197.15	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
157197	HACIENDA HOME CENTER	1,999.15	BELEN WOOD ORDER	INVENTORY
		18.69	ICE MELT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		18.69	ICE MELT	COCHITI DIVISION
		18.69	ICE MELT	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		37.38	ICE MELT	GENERAL OFFICE
		18.70	ICE MELT	SOCORRO DIVISION

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157198	HEIGHTS SECURITY	29.05	GATES & FENCING	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		93.04	HYDROLOGY/WATER OPS SUPPLIES	WATER OPERATIONS
157199	HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO.	65.17	FREIGHT	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		180.00	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
157200	HUNTER BOWER LUMBER	1,979.10	GROUT	INVENTORY
		1,648.75	PLYFORM	INVENTORY
157201	IDEAL PLUMBING	399.84	SERVICE CALL / HEATER	BELEN DIVISION
157202	INTERWEST SAFETY	1,034.40	BOSQUE SIGNAGE	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
		651.20	SIGNS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,290.70	SIGNS / TYPE 1 BARRICADES	BELEN DIVISION
		1,110.00	TRAFFIC DELINEATORS, REFLECTIVE SHEETING	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
		5,000.00	UNIT 160001 RISK CLAIM 453 MESSAGE TRAILER	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157203	INTRAWORKS, INC.	148.79	SECURITY SERVICES	SOCORRO DIVISION
157204	IRON HORSE WELDING	500.00	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		4,994.66	MISC. VOLVO EXCAVATOR PARTS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157205	JARAMILLO, DANNY A.	1,900.79	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
157206	JIFFY LUBE	158.94	FLUIDS/FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		67.56	FLUIDS/FILTERS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
157207	JOHN THOMPSON CONSULTING	11,756.25	Q1-LOBBYING SERVICES	GENERAL FUND
157208	JOSE M. AGUILAR J.A	763.31	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
157209	KRONOS SAASHR, INC.	1,405.60	PAYROLL & TIME KEEPING	HUMAN RESOURCES
157210	LARRY H. MILLER	544.39	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		19.78	PARTS & REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
157211	LEVEL 3 FINANCING INC	263.87	VOIP/INTERNET	BELEN DIVISION
		2,327.55	VOIP/INTERNET	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		263.87	VOIP/INTERNET	SOCORRO DIVISION
157212	LINDE GAS	111.55	SANDOVAL COUNTY TRAFFIC GATES	GRANTS FUND ABQ
		0.10	SANDOVAL COUNTY TRAFFIC GATES	GENERAL FUND
157213	MAINTENANCE SERVICE	414.10	JANITORIAL SERVICE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		2,036.03	JANITORIAL SERVICE	GENERAL OFFICE
157214	MARQUEZ, DENNIS M	940.03	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
157215	MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	138.62	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
157216	MCBRIDE'S INC	(84.23)	PARTS & REPAIRS-CREDIT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		306.96	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
157217	MORA, RUBEN	1,043.20	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
157218	MT PRIVATE UTILITY	5,032.70	HYDROVAC EXCAVATION	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157219	NAPA AUTO PARTS	18.66	FLUIDS/FILTERS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		204.72	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		0.08	PARTS & REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		37.88	SAFETY SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		150.82	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		170.18	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
157220	NED'S PIPE & STEEL	65.00	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
157221	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	188.35	NATURAL GAS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		421.99	NATURAL GAS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		355.39	NATURAL GAS	GENERAL OFFICE
157222	NEW MEXICO MUTUAL	3,086.88	WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIMS	GENERAL FUND
		15,562.00	WORKER'S COMPENSATION INS	GENERAL FUND
157223	NEW MEXICO TRACTOR SALES	40.49	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		104.89	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
157224	NMWRA	3,910.00	2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES	GENERAL FUND
157225	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	39.99	PARTS & REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		74.95	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
157226	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	374.55	PHYSICALS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		146.38	PHYSICALS	BELEN DIVISION
		146.38	PHYSICALS	COCHITI DIVISION
		81.80	PHYSICALS	SOCORRO DIVISION
157227	PACIFIC OFFICE AUTO	248.95	COPIER LEASE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		154.11	COPIER LEASE	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		782.39	COPIER LEASE	GENERAL OFFICE
157228	PERALTA, JOHN H	144.00	RODENT MANAGEMENT	BELEN DIVISION
157229	PNM	112.10	ELECTRICITY	BELEN DIVISION
		519.43	ELECTRICITY	COCHITI DIVISION
157230	POLING, JAMES	498.75	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
157231	POWER EQUIPMENT	63.22	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		815.93	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION

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157232	POWER FORD	456.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		1,791.96	PARTS & REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
157233	PURCELL TIRE COMPANY	185.59	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		641.18	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
157234	RAIN FOR RENT	37,634.65	CORRALES SIPHON PUMP RENTAL	CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND ABQ
157235	RED SHOVEL LLC	843.63	MONTHLY LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE	GENERAL OFFICE
157236	RELEVANT INDUSTRIAL	158.25	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157237	RICH FORD SALES	6,513.12	ENGINE & INSTALL KIT - UNIT 80009	BELEN DIVISION
157238	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	75.00	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		35.00	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		3,052.94	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		670.73	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
157239	RUSH TRUCK CENTERS	1,424.90	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157240	RUSSELL, JIM	323.95	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
157241	SENERGY PETROLEUM	3,900.00	WINTER GREASE	INVENTORY
157242	SNELLING	1,941.52	TEMP STAFFING	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
157243	SOCORRO ELECTRIC	142.55	ELECTRICITY	SOCORRO DIVISION
157244	SOPYN, GREG	1,044.00	RODENT MANAGEMENT	BELEN DIVISION
157245	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	1,944.00	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		829.83	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
157246	SOUTHWEST CONSTRUCTION	75.00	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		400.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
157247	SOUTHWEST GENERAL TIRE	1,538.20	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		684.20	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
157248	SPECIALTY COMMUNICATION	177.58	MONTHLY RADIO REPEATER	WATER OPERATIONS
157249	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	136.37	OFFICE SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		58.83	OFFICE SUPPLIES	COCHITI DIVISION
		71.30	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GIS/MAPPING
		263.91	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
		26.41	OFFICE SUPPLIES	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
157250	TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION	863.76	DATTO SAAS	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		2,245.83	JAN26-DATTO CLOUD	GENERAL FUND
157251	THOMPSON SAFETY LLC	329.40	DAGGER SAFETY / N95 MASKS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		106.75	EYE WASH SOLUTION	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
157252	UNICOR	405.72	SHRED BINS PICKUP	ACCOUNTING
157253	UNIFORMS & MORE LLC	1,811.00	NEW EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157254	V-VARGAS, ERMELINDA	716.28	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
157255	VERIZON CONNECT	5,354.88	GPS MONTHLY SERVICE	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
157256	VERIZON WIRELESS	3,371.06	WIRELESS SERVICE - JANUARY	ALL DEPTS/DIVISIONS
157257	WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO.	1,091.93	CAT FILTERS	INVENTORY
157258	WASTE MANAGEMENT	323.77	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	COCHITI DIVISION
157259	WATER STRATEGIES	10,000.00	FEDERAL CONSULTING	GENERAL FUND
157260	WILLIAMS WINDMILL	19.08	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
157261	SANCHEZ DEMOLITION	1,990,691.72	SOCORRO CHANNEL LINING PROJECT	GRANTS FUND SOC
157262	ALBUQUERQUE PUBLISHING	60.00	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND
157263	CASUGA, JASON	203.59	CRWUA CONFERENCE 2025	EXEC TEAM
157264	ISH, JAMES CASEY	230.35	C. ISH 2025 CRWUA CONFERENCE	CONSERVATION/PLANNING
157265	LEGALSHIELD	583.55	LEGAL SHIELD	GENERAL FUND
157266	MRGCD PETTY CASH	22.20	GAS CAN	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
157267	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	365.11	NATURAL GAS	BELEN DIVISION
157268	PHILIPS, DEANNA	342.00	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
157269	PNM	57.04	ELECTRICITY	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157270	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	254.21	ELECTRICITY	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		28.07	BOSQUE SUPPLIES	CONSERVATION/PLANNING
		117.88	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		113.73	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
		77.98	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		117.76	HYDROLOGY/WATER OPS SUPPLIES	WATER OPERATIONS
		15.27	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
157271	UNUM LIFE INSURANCE	11,796.79	LIFE/DISABILITY INS	GENERAL FUND
157272	VALENCIA COUNTY CLER	75.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
157273	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	803.54	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		2,082.46	PARTS & REPAIRS - UNIT 37205	COCHITI DIVISION
157274	A-1 QUALITY REDI-MIX	17,763.62	REAR DIFFERENTIAL ASSEMBLY - UNIT 67504	SOCORRO DIVISION
157275	ACTION HOSE INC.	790.00	CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE	SOCORRO DIVISION
		327.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION

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157276	ALBUQUERQUE PUB	54.72	PARTS & REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
157277	ALL AMERICAN PUMPING	28.12	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
157278	ALLSTATE HYDRAULICS	85.77	LEGAL AD	PURCHASING
157279	AMAZON CAPITAL	140.00	PORTABLE TOILET RENTAL	SOCORRO DIVISION
157280	BAKER UTILITY SUPPLY	1,577.22	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157281	BUSTED STEM	171.49	WIFI EXTENDER	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157282	CASTLE BRANCH, INC.	48,640.00	BLACK PIPE	INVENTORY
157283	CENTURY EQUIPMENT	382.07	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157284	CHOICE STEEL COMPANY	307.10	EMPLOYMENT SCREENING	HUMAN RESOURCES
157285	CONSERVANCY OIL CO	202.32	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157286	CONTROL DESIGN, INC.	435.45	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
157287	CRAIG INDEPENDENT	1,240.00	EXPANDED METAL	INVENTORY
157288	CREATIVE INTERIORS	5,605.60	HITACHI OIL	INVENTORY
157289	DESERT GREENS EQUIPMENT	1,378.00	RELAY Boards	INVENTORY
157290	DOUBLE H AUTO INC.	81.08	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
157291	EXPRESS AUTO GLASS	1,584.00	CUBICLE DOOR	GENERAL OFFICE
157292	FIRST CHOICE COFFEE	36.63	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
157293	FLEETPRIDE	853.70	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
157294	FORESTRY SUPPLIES	125.00	OFFICE SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
157295	FRANK'S SUPPLY CO	195.95	628.96	GENERAL OFFICE
157296	GENUINE NAPA	628.96	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157297	GM PIPE, LLC	107.32	PARTS & REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
157298	GPS, LLC	594.06	HYDROLOGY/WATER OPS SUPPLIES	WATER OPERATIONS
157299	GRAINGER	1,395.00	ROTARY LASER W/ ROD CLAMP	BELEN DIVISION
157300	HACIENDA HOME CENTER	399.98	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
157301	INLAND KENWORTH INC.	220.00	CONNECTING BAND	INVENTORY
157302	JIFFY LUBE	201.37	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
157303	JOSE M. AGUILAR J.A.	49.91	HYDROLOGY/WATER OPS SUPPLIES	WATER OPERATIONS
157304	MARQUEZ, DENNIS M	1,472.09	MISC PARTS	INVENTORY
157305	MESA OIL, INC	76.26	FLUIDS/FILTERS	BELEN DIVISION
157306	NAJMI, YASMEEN	417.78	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
157307	NAPA AUTO PARTS	122.63	PARTS & REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
157308	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	89.19	FLUIDS/FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157309	PURCELL TIRE COMPANY	90.99	FLUIDS/FILTERS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
157310	PURCELL TIRE COMPANY	679.39	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
157311	RANDY'S ACE HARDWARE	279.16	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
157312	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	940.03	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
157313	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	153.80	HERBICIDE/FLUIDS DISPOSAL	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
157314	TABET LUMBER	548.44	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
157315	TAS SECURITY SYSTEMS	54.24	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
157316	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	31.58	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		27.95	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
157317		48.37	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
157318		389.10	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157319		999.76	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157320		44.99	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
157321		171.05	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
157322		205.88	OFFICE SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157323		377.37	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
157324		21.22	OFFICE SUPPLIES	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
157325		82.56	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
157326		33.99	N95 MASKS	BELEN DIVISION
157327		40.24	SECURITY SERVICES	BELEN DIVISION
157328		6,938.58	SAAS FEES	HUMAN RESOURCES
157329		667.28	TIME & ATTENDANCE IMPLEMENTATION	HUMAN RESOURCES
* THE FOLLOWING CHECK SEQUENCE (1571444 - 1571466) WAS RECORDED INCORRECTLY DUE TO A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR				
1571444	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	3,518.16	DIAGNOSE & REPAIR - UNIT 47207	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
1571445	ACTION HOSE INC.	22.77	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		60.31	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
1571446	ALBUQUERQUE GRAVEL	437.00	CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE	BELEN DIVISION
1571447	ALLSTATE HYDRAULICS	47.26	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
1571448	AUTOZONE, INC	31.92	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
1571449	BUSTED STEM	161.44	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
1571450	CASTLE BRANCH, INC.	534.79	EMPLOYMENT SCREENING	HUMAN RESOURCES
1571451	CONTINENTAL BATTERY	163.82	BATTERIES	SOCORRO DIVISION

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1571452	CRITTERS OIL CHANGE	75.00	FLUIDS/FILTERS	BELEN DIVISION
1571453	DOUBLE H AUTO INC.	41.79	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
1571454	ESI, INC.	11,054.00	FIRE RISK MODELING	CONSERVATION/PLANNING
1571455	FINANCE AUTHORITY	59,940.62	NMFA CASH DEBT SERVICING	DEBT SERVICE
1571456	GM PIPE, LLC	139,896.00	PIPE	INVENTORY
1571457	JOSE M. AGUILAR J.A.	212.54	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		122.78	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
1571458	JPR DECORATIVE	2,640.62	5" - 12" CRUSHED ROCK	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
1571459	NAPA AUTO PARTS	148.26	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
1571460	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	370.65	NATURAL GAS	BELEN DIVISION
1571461	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	193.45	NATURAL GAS	COCHITI DIVISION
1571462	POWER FORD	4,636.03	PARTS & REPAIRS - UNIT 80002	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
1571463	RANDY'S ACE HARDWARE	142.96	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
1571464	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	112.50	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
1571465	STEWART & STEVENSON	2,883.23	DIAGNOSE & REPAIR - UNIT 34603	COCHITI DIVISION
1571466	THOMPSON SECURITY	96.70	SECURITY SERVICES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
Credit Card Payment				
900079	WELLS FARGO BANK	699.92	J. CASUGA 2025 CRWUA CONFERENCE	EXEC TEAM
		990.00	2026 THINK TREES REGISTRATION	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		990.00	2026 THINK TREES REGISTRATION	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
		129.56	ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE TRAINING	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
		1,549.15	ADOBE RENEWAL	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		510.54	AIRFARE NEW HIRE - JULIANA DAGGETT	GIS/MAPPING
		348.80	ANTHONY LN TOWING SERVICES	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
		479.98	BATTERY CHARGER	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		502.27	C. ISH 2025 CRWUA CONFERENCE	CONSERVATION/PLANNING
		579.98	E. ZAMORA 2025 CRWUA CONFERENCE	EXEC TEAM
		75.00	FY26 NMPPA MEMBERSHIP - R. DELOIA	PURCHASING
		75.00	FY26 NMPPA MEMBERSHIP - R. VARELA	PURCHASING
		194.60	RUSSO BACA -CONGRESO DE LAS ACEQUIAS	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		1,059.91	SECURITY CAMERAS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		52.64	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		165.00	VOIP/INTERNET	BELEN DIVISION
		65.00	VOIP/INTERNET	COCHITI DIVISION
		65.00	VOIP/INTERNET	CONTRACT PAYMENTS
		65.00	VOIP/INTERNET	SOCORRO DIVISION
		1.08	ZENDESK TALK USAGE SUBSCRIPTION	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		1,179,451.03	TOTAL PAYROLL	
		1,114,360.46	TOTAL CHECKS/EFT - GENERAL FUND	
		59,940.62	TOTAL CHECKS - DEBT SERVICE FUND	
		2,702,786.05	TOTAL CHECKS - GRANT FUND	
		37,634.65	TOTAL CHECKS - CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND	
		<u>\$ 5,094,172.81</u>	GRAND TOTAL	

Pamela S. Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

John P. Kelly, Chairman
MRGCD Board of Directors

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

JANUARY 12, 2026 - 2:00 P.M.

Directors having been duly notified; Chairman Kelly called the special meeting to order at 2:02 pm. The following Directors and Staff were present:

DIRECTORS

John P. Kelly, Chairman	Present	Jason Casuga	Chief Engineer/CEO
Colin T. Baugh, Vice Chairman	Present	Joe Holvey	General Counsel
Brian Jiron, Director	Absent	Jeff Wechsler	Chief Water Counsel
Stephanie Russo Baca, Director	Present	Pamela Fanelli	Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
J. Chris Lopez, Director	Present	Eric Zamora	Director of Technical Services
Michael T. Sandoval, Director	Present	Christine Nardi	Director of Human Services
Karen Dunning, Director	Present	Amanda Molina	Director of Communications
		Casey Ish	Director of Lands & Conservation

STAFF

The following names of individuals were interested viewers, callers and/or participants

Estella Gamboa, MRGCD Anne Marken, MRGCD Jimmy Beal
Doug Streh, MRGCD Arturo Rio, MRGCD

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Estella Gamboa led the Pledge of Allegiance at today's meeting.

20 Chairman John Kelly declared a quorum, and the meeting was publicly noticed. This meeting
21 was a hybrid meeting. Director Jiron was not in attendance at the Special meeting. Rollcall
22 votes will not be necessary for regular motions.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA**. Seconded by Director Lopez. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 - WATER AVAILABILITY REPORT - Anne Marken, River Operations & Telemetry Manager

32 Anne Marken gave the water availability report. She stated that the basin received some
33 moisture and snow accumulation last week. She displayed SNOTEL maps and graphs from the
34 NRCS SNOTEL Network, which monitors snowpack conditions in the basin. The first map
35 showed conditions in each of the basins that are relevant to the Middle Valley water supply as of
36 January 6th, which was at or below 50% of median. The second map showed conditions as of
37 today in those same basins, and conditions in the three upper basins improved, so the storms
38 helped slightly improve conditions but noted enough to bring them close to the average for this
39 time of year. She discussed a map showing aggregate snowpack data from the SNOTEL sites
40 in the Upper Rio Grande Basin, and current conditions are similar to last year, but well below
41 where they were in 2024. She said there is a lot of uncertainty between now and the end of
42 snow accumulation season, and a couple of storms could really change snowpack conditions.
43 However, if the conditions continue to trend the way they have been, they should expect limited
44 water supply conditions in the spring. She shared that the National Weather Service 2-week

45 Outlook shows the basin is expected to experience warmer than average temperatures with
46 equal chances for above or below average precipitation, and the three-month outlook graphs
47 show they are likely to experience above average temperatures and below average
48 precipitation. Ms. Marken reminded the board that MRGCD will be unable to store any native
49 Rio Grande water for Middle Valley use due to the Compact debt, and after spring runoff,
50 MRGCD will have limited ability to augment naturally occurring flows into the Middle Valley. She
51 said summer and fall will largely depend on rainfall-driven inflows to meet Middle Valley farmer
52 needs. She voiced that the official Compact debt for 2025 will be announced at the Compact
53 Commission Meeting in April, but preliminary accounting model runs indicate the debt could
54 increase by 7,500 acre feet for this year, bringing the total debt to around 132,000 acre feet.
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56 See also Appendix I.

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58 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - MRGCD RECOMMENDATIONS ON WATER SERVICE CHARGE**
59 **AND WATER BANK LEASE RATES AND FEES** - Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Pam
60 Fanelli, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

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62 Ms. Fanelli expressed that per state statute 73-18-8-1, MRGCD should use a cost-of-living
63 index to determine the annual adjustment of the water service charges to reflect increased costs
64 of providing irrigation water. She explained that MRGCD used the 2025 CPI index, which was
65 3%, so that will increase the water service charge by \$1.78 per acre, taking it from \$59.25 to
66 \$61.03 for Water Season 2026. She added that the new rate will be billed in November 2026.
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68 Chairman Kelly stated that last year, after freezing the water service charge during COVID, they
69 did a big catch up of \$8 per acre on the water service charge, and they talked about using CPI
70 for annual increases instead of leaving it the same and having to do big catch ups going
71 forward.

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73 Mr. Casuga voiced they also looked at setting the water bank rates. He explained that MRGCD
74 has a water bank, and when the water bank is open, there is an opportunity for MRGCD
75 constituents who have lands that do not have water rights, to be able to petition to get and use
76 water that comes from the water bank. He noted that alternate curtailment is also housed within
77 the water bank, where they allow a landowner to dry a piece of property and use that water that
78 dried on that specific property on another property. He stated that since New Mexico is in
79 Compact debt, the ability to lease water from the MRGCD in that portion of the water bank is
80 unavailable. However, they recommend continuing to allow the alternate curtailment process
81 within the water bank. He said the water service charge they set for the year affects the rate set
82 for the water bank, it is the same water rate; although, there is an administrative fee and lease
83 rate. He added they will be looking at raising the water service charge in the water bank, similar
84 to the overall water service charge for the valley.

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86 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 - ITEMS FOR THE FLOOR** (Comments are limited to three (3)
87 minutes)

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89 There was no public comment made at today's Special Meeting.

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91 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION M-01-12-26-233**
92 **FOR THE ADOPTION OF WATER SERVICE CHARGE RATE PER ACRE FOR THE 2026**
93 **IRRIGATION SEASON**

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95 Director Lopez made the **MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION M-01-12-26-233 FOR**
96 **THE ADOPTION OF WATER SERVICE CHARGE RATE PER ACRE FRO THE 2026**

97 **IRRIGATION SEASON.** Seconded by Director Dunning. Rollcall vote was administered with all
98 members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION M-01-12-26-232
FOR THE ADOPTION OF WATER BANK AND ALTERNATE CURTAILMENT LOCATION
RATES FOR THE 2026 IRRIGATION SEASON

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Director Sandoval made the **MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION M-01-12-26-232**
FOR THE ADOPTION OF WATER BANK AND ALTERNATE CURTAILMENT LOCATION
RATES FOR THE 2026 IRRIGATION SEASON. Seconded by Director Russo Baca. Rollcall
vote was administered with all members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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114 With no further comments, questions, or concerns, Chairman Kelly adjourned the meeting
115 at 2:18pm.

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Approved to be the correct Minutes of the Board of Directors of January 12, 2026.

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Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

John P. Kelly, Chairman
MRGCD Board of Directors

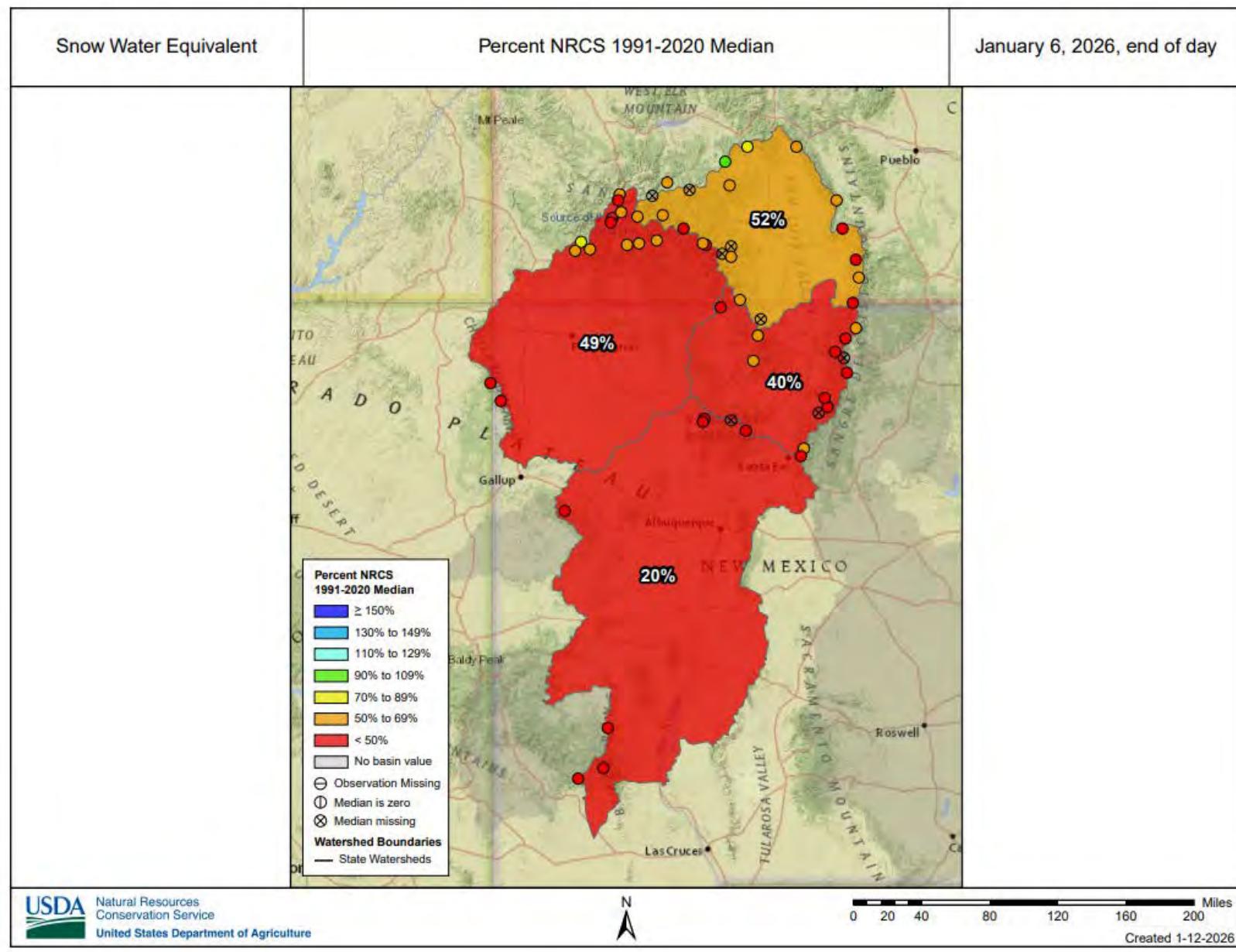
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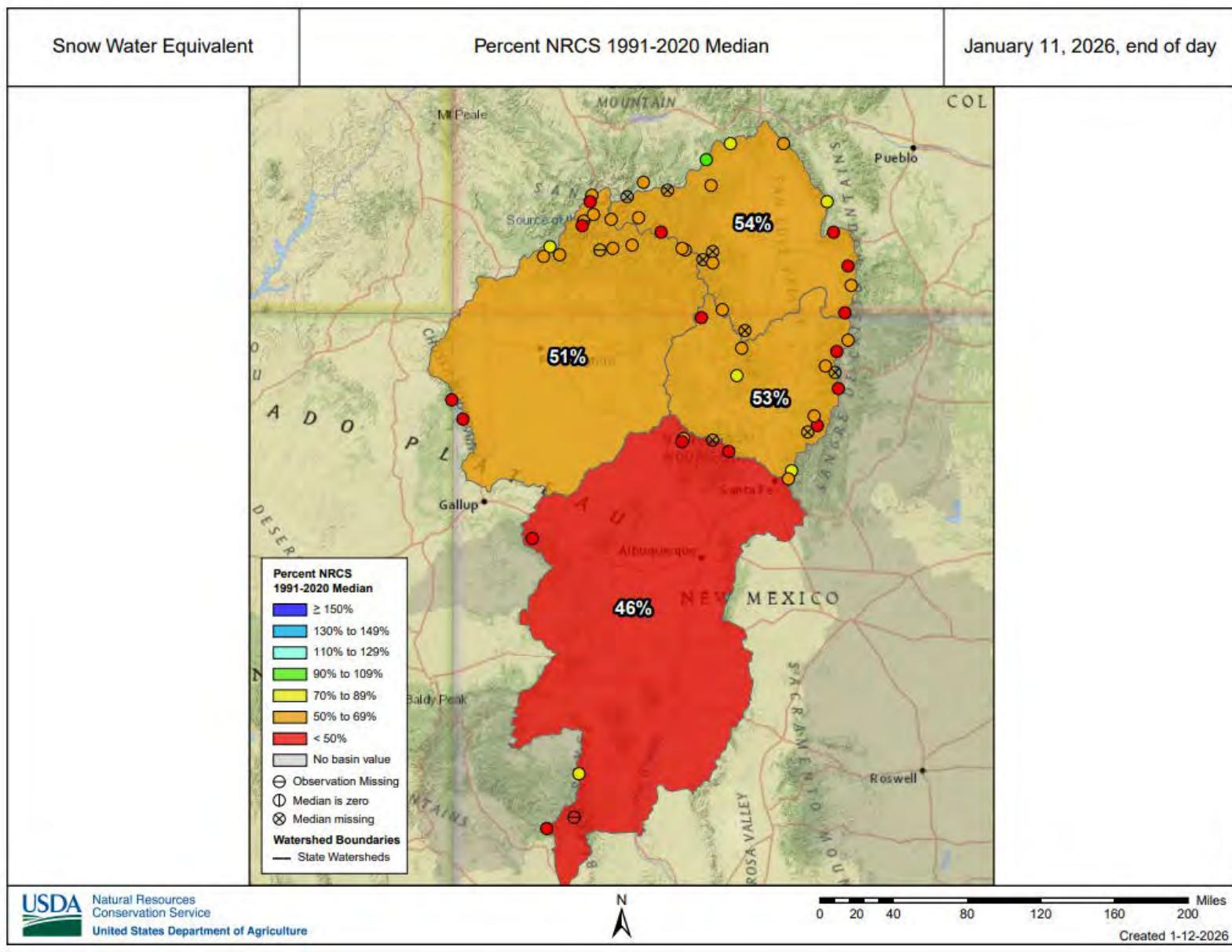
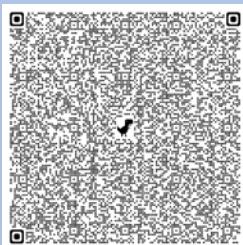
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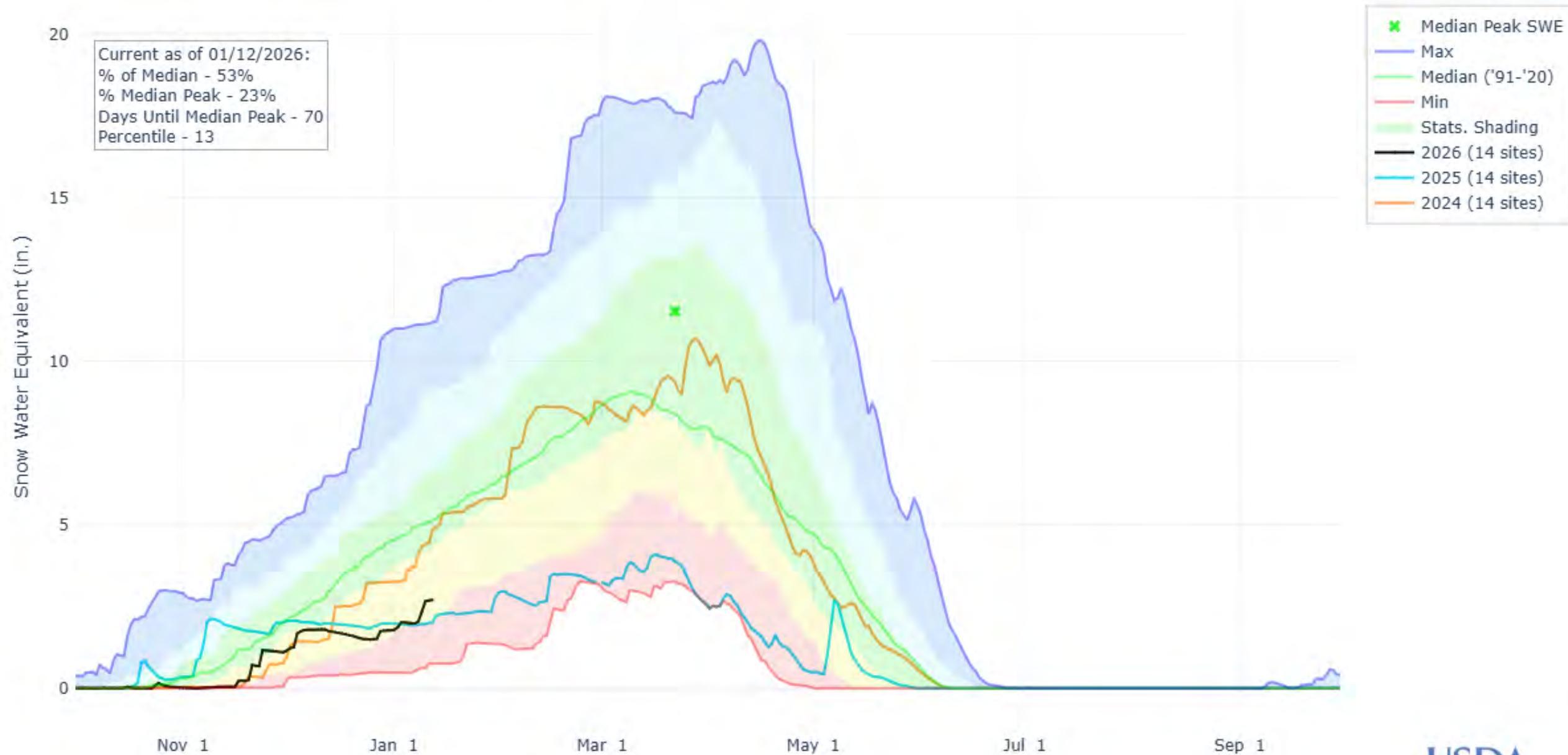


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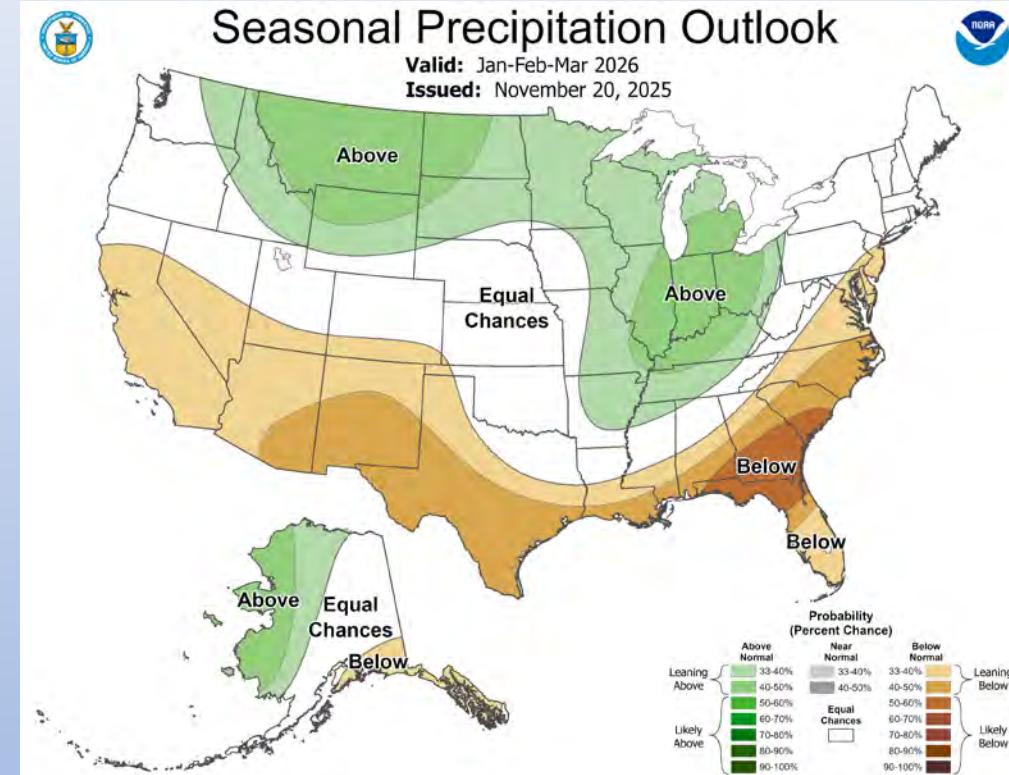
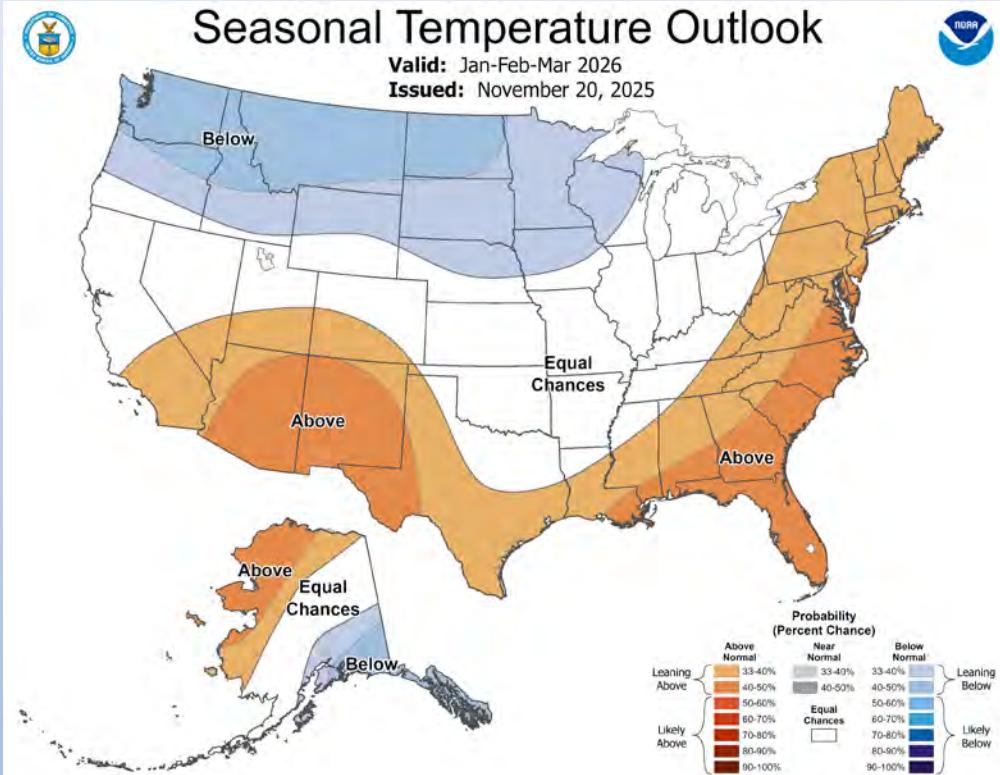


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SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN RIO CHAMA-UPPER RIO GRANDE



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**MINUTES OF THE
2,231st REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

JANUARY 12, 2026

Directors having been duly notified; Chairman Kelly called the regular meeting to order at 3:04 pm. The following Directors and Staff were present:

DIRECTORS

John P. Kelly, Chairman
Colin T. Baugh, Vice Chairman
Brian Jiron, Director
Stephanie Russo Baca, Director
J. Chris Lopez, Director
Micheal T. Sandoval, Director
Karen Dunning, Director

Present	Jason Casuga
Present	Joe Holvey
Present	Jeff Wechsler
Present	Pamela Fanelli
Present	Eric Zamora
Present	Christine Nardi
Present	Amanda Molina
Present	Casey Ish

STAFF

Chief Engineer/CEO
General Counsel
Chief Water Counsel
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Director of Technical Services
Director of Human Services
Director of Communications
Director of Lands & Conservation

The following names of individuals were interested viewers, callers and/or participants

Anne Marken, MRGCD
Patrick Taber, BIA
Sharon Kindel, OSE
Sharon Wirth, OSE/ISC
Hannah Riseley-White, ISC
John Irizarry, USBR
Mayahvel Garcia, CESOSS
Kim Lopez, Lopez Precision

Jimmy Beal
Jerome Cordova
Tanja Trujillo, OSE/ISC
Tony Tafoya, Corrales
Santiago Candelaria, Atrisco
Chris Sichler, Socorro
Rudy Perea, Corrales
Santiago Maestas, SVRA

Martin Haynes
Liz Anderson, OSE/ISC
Henry Romero
Jen Bachus, USBR
Jess Bess, CESOSS
Paula Sichler, Socorro
Mike Lopez, LP
Jorge Garcia, CESOSS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Paula Sichler 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. Rollcall votes are not necessary for regular motions.

AGENDA ITEM NO.2 - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA .

Mr. Casuga asked to add an item after the Consent Agenda for a report from their lobbyist, John Thompson, and to add another item under the Director of Lands and Conservations Report for an update on the 2026 Fallowing Program.

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA WTH THE ABOVE CHANGES**. Seconded by Director Russo Baca. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 - CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF THE 2026 OPEN MEETINGS ACT
RESOLUTION BD-01-12-26-60 - Pam Fanelli, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO**

43 Ms. Fanelli voiced that there were no additional or new changes and explained it is required to
44 approve a new resolution at the beginning of every year.

45 Vice Chairman Baugh made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT**
 46 **RESOLUTION**. Seconded by Director Lopez. Rollcall vote was administered with all members
 47 voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED**.
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Chairman Kelly	Yes	Vice Chairman Baugh	Yes
Director Dunning	Yes	Director Russo Baca	Yes
Director Lopez	Yes	Director Jiron	Yes
Director Sandoval	Yes		

49 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD - Joe Holvey, Wiggins,**
 50 **Williams & Wesenberg, MRGCD General Counsel**

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 52 Joe Holvey announced the two positions up for election were Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
 53 of the Board of Directors. John P. Kelly was renominated for Chairman by Director Dunning,
 54 seconded by Director Sandoval, and Colin T. Baugh was renominated for Vice Chairman by
 55 Chairman Kelly, seconded by Director Dunning. Both nominations passed unopposed.

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 57 Chairman Kelly appointed himself along with Vice Chairman Baugh, and Director Russo Baca
 58 as the Finance Committee and Director Russo Baca, Director Dunning, and Vice Chair Baugh
 59 as the Legislative Committee. He noted they will have a new committee for the BO Consultation
 60 and he will make the remaining assignments at the February meeting.

61 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 - CONSENT AGENDA**

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- 63 a. Consideration/Approval of Payment Ratification – December 2025
- 64 b. Consideration/Approval of December 2025 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams &
- 65 Wesenberg, PC
- 66 c. Consideration/Approval of December 2025 Invoices for Spencer Fane LLP
- 67 d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – December
- 68 8, 2025
- 69 e. Consideration/Approval of Per Diem, Mileage & Expense Reimbursement
- 70 regarding New Mileage Rates as of January 1, 2026
- 71 f. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for December 2025 (For Informational
- 72 Purposes Only)

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 74 Director Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA**.
 75 Seconded by Director Lopez. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

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 77 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - REPORT AND UPDATE FROM MRGCD LOBBYIST - John**
 78 **Thompson, MRGCD Lobbyist**

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 80 Mr. Thompson reported that the Legislative Session will begin next Tuesday, at noon, and will
 81 be a 30-day session, so only items relative to the budget or matters of taxation are germane. He
 82 said the pre-filing period for legislation opened January 2nd and will run until January 16th. He
 83 shared there are already a few pieces of legislation filed that are of interest to the District,
 84 including HB 37, introduced by Representatives Cates, which deals directly with man-made
 85 infrastructure failures, like the siphon. Another bill of interest is HB 54, which deals with protests
 86 on water wells, and if it's less than 100 feet, it's removed from of the protest requirements. Mr.
 87 Thompson expressed they have the Water Trust Board projects already filed, and even though
 88 the Water Trust Board approves projects, a piece of legislation must pass for it to be finalized
 89 and for funds to go out. He explained that Senator Padilla has a bill that creates a 2-year pilot
 90 high school water management and conservation program that he is tracking. He talked about a
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92 couple items that have not come yet but that he is expecting to see, including a piece of
93 legislation dealing with jetty jacks and their classification under the State Historic Personnel
94 Office and some legislation relative to Bosque management funding.

95 Director Dunning asked for an expectation for when the governor's call will be released.

96 Mr. Thompson answered that those messages trickle out on a daily basis and they can even
97 have a message come down from the governor on the last day of introduction.

100 Director Dunning inquired if the Sanchez, Baca, and Stefanics bill uses the same language that
101 was in the bill last year.

103 Mr. Thompson responded that it is slightly modified but the intent is exactly the same.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - REPORT(S) FROM THE WATER OPERATIONS

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

111 Anne Marken reported on water operations. She expressed that the basin received
112 moisture late last week. She displayed SNOTEL maps and graphs from NRCS, showing
113 that conditions were around 50% of median in each basin relevant to the Middle Valley
114 water supply as of January 6th; however, today those same basins show slight
115 improvements in the three upper basins in New Mexico due to the recent storms. She
116 noted they still were below average for this time of year. She showed a graph with
117 snowpack data from SNOTEL sites and the Upper Rio Grande Basin, which has the
118 current conditions similar to last year, but still well below 2024 conditions. She stated
119 that the NWS 2-week outlook showed warmer than average temperatures with equal
120 chances of above or below average precipitation, and the seasonal outlook indicates
121 that they will likely have above average temperatures and below average precipitation
122 through March. Ms. Marken voiced there is a great deal of uncertainty regarding
123 snowpack contributions to the spring water supply, but if the basin does not receive
124 significant accumulation in the coming months, spring runoff could be short and small.
125 She reiterated that MRGCD would not be able to store any native Rio Grande Water for
126 Middle Valley use due to the Compact debt, and there is considerable uncertainty
127 regarding water availability after spring runoff ends. She expressed this summer and fall,
128 MRGCD will be largely dependent on rainfall driven inflows to meet Middle Valley farmer
129 needs, and without significant rain inflows, farmers should expect extended periods
130 between irrigation deliveries.

132 *See also Appendix I.*

134 Vice Chairman Baugh asked about the numbers of the Compact.

136 Ms. Marken responded that since the State was present, she would let them talk about
137 those.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE OF STATE ENGINEER - Elizabeth Anderson, State Engineer and Hannah Riseley-White, Interstate Stream Commission Director

143 Elizabeth Anderson, State Engineer, said that June of last year was incredibly dry, and she
144 showed a drought monitor graphic to highlight the extreme drought they have been in
145 throughout the course of last year and that they still are in. She stated that conditions last year
146 were very difficult up and down the Rio Grande, with one of the driest years on record for
147 snowpack and a very challenging irrigation year. She noted that Elephant Butte, who normally
148 receives 3 feet of allocation, only received 3 inches. She expressed that they appreciate the
149 partnership and direct working relationship they have with MRGCD.

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151 Hannah Riseley-White, Interstate Stream Commission Director, went over Compact debt
152 numbers. She shared that current Compact debit is 124,000 acre feet. She explained that New
153 Mexico is in compliance with the Compact as long as they are above 200,000 acre feet of debit,
154 so they are currently in compliance. However, they are very concerned with that cumulative
155 debit status and implications in terms of upstream storage. She voiced it was great to get snow
156 over the weekend, but they need more and are very concerned about the conditions looking into
157 this irrigation season. She expressed it is very critical for them at the State to lead the charge in
158 terms of support in Compact compliance and are gearing up to engage with a much broader
159 audience through a fact sheet and document on what the Compact is, why it's important, and
160 why they should all support New Mexico's efforts towards compliance.

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162 Ms. Anderson discussed Ongoing Water Rights Administration. She said they operate in the
163 Middle Rio Grande under Middle Rio Grande Administrative Area Guidelines and they have a
164 continuation of policies already in place, including not allowing new supplemental wells to
165 surface water. She reiterated that in the Middle Valley, the farm delivery requirement is 3-acre
166 feet per acre. She said they are ramping up their enforcement and compliance within the
167 agency, including cracking down on illegal use of groundwater and surface water, including
168 pond compliance projects throughout the state. She shared that in the Middle Valley; they have
169 an upcoming metering order modeled off of the one they did in the Lower Rio Grande. They also
170 have the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Water Rights settlement negotiations under way and
171 are thankful to the federal government for moving that settlement forward.

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173 Ms. Riseley-White explained they are looking to address the Compact situation by reducing
174 depletions and increasing efficiency. She expressed appreciation to the Board and staff for the
175 cooperative agreement they entered into over a year ago, which gave more agility between the
176 State and the District. She noted they are both engaged in the Rio Chama sediment issues and
177 looking at how to move water through the system more efficiently while also honoring
178 commitments related to habitat and species. She said the State provided over \$45,000,000 in
179 the last several legislative sessions specifically advance channel projects, and they are making
180 additional requests this legislative session to further those efforts. She mentioned they were
181 very pleased BOR awarded over \$140 million to the LSARI project. Ms. Riseley-White shared
182 concern with things at the federal level and wanted to make sure they use that funding in the
183 most productive way possible. She added they understand those issues will continue, so they
184 are working on funding from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a planning study to try to identify
185 zones where there's potential to prevent that from getting in the river. She added they are also
186 very committed to Low Flow Conveyance Channel maintenance and improvements. She
187 explained that the Interstate Stream Commission invests heavily in data and modeling, are
188 hopeful to have their technical team work with MRGCD's technical team on how to direct that
189 investment in a way that is useful for everybody. They are also looking at basin wide planning,
190 engaging in Reclamation's Rio Grande Basin study, and looking at where they can get the
191 biggest buck in terms of vegetation management.

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193 Ms. Anderson laid out an overview of what they are looking at for the 2026 Legislative Session,
194 including looking at modernizing the agency, a strong focus on the Rio Grande and funding

195 solutions, and planning for New Mexico's water future. She said they have a big focus on
196 recruiting and retaining qualified staff and are catching up to 21st century technologies,
197 including expanded measurement and metering. She stated they are working on a metering
198 order that will be coming out and put emphasis on stronger enforcement capabilities, and they
199 are looking at investing in the Lower Rio Grande through implementation of the proposed Texas
200 v. New Mexico US Supreme Court settlement they have currently underway. In regard to the
201 Middle Rio Grande, they are working on keeping water flowing through the system, water
202 getting through the system efficiently, and ramping up administration capacities, including
203 keeping the water flowing through to Elephant Butte Reservoir. She stated they are also working
204 on advancing and tracking implementation of the 50-year Water Action Plan, reenvisioning
205 Regional Water planning through continued implementation of the 2023 Water Security
206 Planning Act, and prioritizing progress on Indian Water Rights Settlements. Ms. Anderson
207 expressed they are happy to come present at more MRGCD meetings.

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209 Ms. Riseley-White stated that Compact numbers are not final until after the Engineer Advisors
210 and the Annual Compact Commission Meeting, but they are looking at under 10,000 acre feet of
211 additional debit, which is good given the challenging year, and draft numbers are around 7,900
212 acre feet of additional debit. She expressed that they are aware that outcomes of the work they
213 do together really affect the livelihoods of their farmers and constituents, and they are
214 committed to working together to produce the best possible outcomes for everyone.

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216 *See also Appendix II.*
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218 Chairman Kelly thanked them both for coming and hoped this was the first of a long series of
219 meetings on how they are going to get out of Compact debt and start storing water up in Abiquiu
220 while they mess around with El Vado.

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222 Director Russo Baca commented that in regard to the Ongoing Water Rights Administration, she
223 knows MRGCD is in the Middle Rio Grande administration area and have the ability to manage
224 water deliveries within the District, but she noticed that there was not any talk about
225 adjudication. She noted that Pueblo Water Rights Settlement negotiations have started. She
226 asked if that was something MRGCD and the farmers should be preparing for.

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228 Ms. Anderson voiced she thought that was part of the equation, as they would need adjudication
229 of some sort to figure out what they are administering to, and that is something on the horizon.

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231 Director Dunning stated that a Bernalillo County commissioner is introducing a law that says
232 they will not give tax abatement or any tax credits to data centers unless they meet certain
233 conditions. She said everyone is concerned about how much water they consume and if they
234 don't have enough water for our farmers, what are they going to do about data centers that want
235 to come into the state and consume our water.

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237 Ms. Anderson responded that people are very concerned about the amount of water they use,
238 and she felt there's a whole range of efficiencies that those can have. She said everybody has
239 to go through a process and if there is an impairment to a water right, there will be an offset, and
240 if it's a closed basin, they have to apply for a water right through the standard process.

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242 Ms. Riseley-White added that if there is not water available, they will have to acquire water from
243 willing sellers.

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245 Director Dunning pointed out that as a state, they do not value water differently and do not draw
246 distinctions.

247 Ms. Riseley-White answered that there is no hierarchy of uses under state law, but something
248 that could come out of alternative administration under active water resources management, is
249 a community determining they value certain uses more than others.

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251 Director Lopez inquired where the 3 acre feet came from and where it began.
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253 Ms. Anderson responded that was the process and what is used when they do any kind of water
254 rights transfers, and there have been studies used to support that number.
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256 Mr. Casuga asked if it would be possible to do something where the administration of that 3
257 acre feet is actually presented in more detail. He stated if they have this conversation about
258 adjudication and be able to lay out the history and where that comes from, that could help
259 people be able to consider decisions. He said that is one thing he has heard from farmers is
260 asking where that number comes from and the history of it.
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262 Ms. Anderson said they would be happy to come back and provide a more detailed presentation
263 on that.
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265 Director Jiron inquired if they were certain the water being released now in the offseason is
266 reaching its destination, so the numbers are calculated for this water Compact, because there
267 was an issue before with river mile marker, where water was spilling over and they lost a lot of
268 water that initially increased debt numbers.
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270 Ms. Riseley-White responded they are watching that very closely, and the reason water was
271 released late in the season is because that is when the system is the most efficient. She said
272 they worked hard to reconnect the Low Flow Conveyance Channel at River Mile 60, and they
273 believe that made a big difference. She added they are still looking at how to improve river
274 channel efficiency as much as possible and how can we strategize with their partners to make
275 decisions about river operations where the water is moving through the system at the most
276 efficient time.
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278 Director Jiron asked what the State's stance was on water transfers. He commented that he did
279 not understand the logic from transferring water from the south, north, or vice versa.
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281 Ms. Anderson stated they need to figure out what the different resources are and use within the
282 structures aligned within the state. She was not sure what specific transfer Director Jiron was
283 concerned with, but in general, importation and moving water between basins is extremely
284 challenging and concerning, as they don't want to impact one water supply in one community
285 while transferring water out.
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287 Director Jiron voiced they don't want to starve one community and move water to another just
288 for the sake of money and power. He inquired at what point in the future the river is going to be
289 cleared up, as the river is being overgrown with vegetation. He noted it is a huge obstacle for
290 water conveyance south, for farmers, and in the offseason for debt.
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292 Ms. Riseley-White agreed and said they have shared concern about that. She shared her
293 personal take is they could do better on all of it but need to be strategic about where they
294 increase river channel efficiency and commit to long term maintenance of vegetation, but also
295 where it makes sense to have some habitat zones.
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297 Director Lopez asked if there was a possibility of getting the Low Flow Conveyance Channel
298 going soon, as it would help the debt.

299 Ms. Anderson voiced that it is at the top of people's minds and they are working with MRGCD
300 staff on solutions for how to move water through the system and meet different needs, including
301 environmental needs, Compact needs, and getting water down to Elephant Butte to pay
302 Compact debt.

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304 Chairman Kelly shared that BOR is taking public comments on their EIS with three options, and
305 they do not like any of them and believe there is a modification of Option C that would be the
306 best option. He asked which option the State Engineer's Office and ISC are supporting.
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308 Ms. Riseley-White responded that comment is due today and they collectively requested an
309 extension so they could dig more into it. She stated their comment does not give any preference
310 for any alternative but emphasized the critical need to prioritize deliveries to Elephant Butte. She
311 added they want to see is a process they could workshop with MRGCD's technical staff, their
312 technical staff, and Reclamation so the decision is something that takes into consideration all of
313 the concerns at the table.
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315 Chairman Kelly explained they built the Low Flow Channel in the 50s to get out of debt and it
316 worked perfectly until Elephant Butte filled up and silted it in. He expressed that if the Bureau
317 would have dug the channel back out as the reservoir receded, they would not be in this
318 situation today. He voiced that any option to cut the Low Flow Channel in half and get rid of their
319 most efficient corridor they have to take water down would not sit right with him as the Chairman
320 or his fellow board members. He stated they are very concerned about a project that would put
321 a lot of things forward other than the ultimate goal, which is Compact compliance.
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323 Mr. Casuga commented that staying in good standing with the Compact is a conservation
324 measure for everything they are trying to do together, and there are many other things they can
325 do on the river for farmers and riparian area. However, all their ability to do that ends when they
326 cannot store water. He expressed that he keeps seeing these studies, and the most recent was
327 with the World Wildlife Foundation. He said while they do a good job of creating a water use
328 table, they sometimes do a bad job of drawing attention to all the uses. He voiced that MRGCD
329 is a partner with many different agencies about creating habitat on the river, but they also
330 believe the river exists in its current form because of infrastructure that was created. He shared
331 he and his team dug into the World Wildlife Foundation study data, and the Middle Valley piece
332 of the Rio Grande came out where the riparian area is 39% of the depletions and Ag is 38%.
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334 Ms. Riseley-White responded that during that period of time they dug out of Compact debit, a
335 big piece of that was the Low Flow, but there was also many miles of river channel work by
336 Reclamation. She said they have not kept up a strategic long term vegetation management
337 plan, but they need to figure out how to have all the tools they can and how to strategize to
338 solve all the problems in a very coordinated and strategic way, and she hoped they could do
339 that together.
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341 Vice Chairman Baugh stated his overall take away was there is a lot to be done and they are
342 ready and excited for it. He thanked them for coming and giving them a great way to start the
343 year off.
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345 Chairman Kelly thanked them for coming and giving an informative report. He said they look
346 forward to many joint meetings.
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348 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR (Comments are limited to three (3)**
349 **minutes)**
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351 **Jimmy Beal**

352 Mr. Beal, a farmer off the Barr Main, felt Director Jiron's point was deflected by the State. He
 353 said he has done research here in the MRGCD felt the District was being taxed not only
 354 physically, but metaphorically, with the task of saving water and so their competitors down
 355 below EBID can turn on a switch and pump at will. He added they know they are depleting the
 356 Mesilla Bolson, but they are seeing a famers distribution tax on 3 acre feet that does not allow
 357 them to be able to dig a well so they can grow crops and survive in this situation.

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359 **Martin Haynes**

360 Mr. Haynes, farmer in Bernalillo County, agreed that Director Jiron hit on exactly what the issue
 361 is that needs to be addressed, that illegal diversions have been occurring and the riparian
 362 stretch is taking its 39%. He said the issue of the Compact delivery is being levied upon them in
 363 the Middle Rio Grande like never before. He expressed it is great to hear they have funding
 364 coming, but it still isn't enough. He felt the Board, ISC, and Office of the State Engineer need to
 365 ramp this up and do as much as possible to the riparian stretch and Low Flow Conveyance
 366 Channel, as they are looking at a lose situation when they start pressuring farmers to change
 367 their ways of life, crops, and diversion allotment.

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369 **Chris Sichler**

370 Mr. Sichler, Socorro County farmer and previous board member, reiterated what Chairman Kelly
 371 said about the Low Flow Conveyance Channel. He said it was estimated they saved 60,000
 372 acre feet a year by using the Low Flow. He added they hit their peak in the 70s and 80s and
 373 paid back 500,000 acre feet and increased irrigation during that time. He said irrigation is not
 374 the cause of the debt, water delivery is, and they cannot get the water down to Elephant Butte.
 375 He voiced that the District is working hard to push the use of the Low Flow and he wants the
 376 State to do the same, as they could save 10,000 acre feet lost this year in debt easily if they
 377 used the Low Flow. He added they could have taken flows from the Puerco and Salado into the
 378 Low Flow and get them there, but instead they evaporate that 39%. He expressed that on-farm
 379 delivery concerns him a lot and did not know where the 3 acre feet came from. He was happy to
 380 hear they want to adjudicate, as they need the opportunity to be able to adjudicate and claim the
 381 water they use.

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383 **Santiago Maestas**

384 Mr. Maestas was impressed with the conversation, Mr. Casuga's comments, and comments
 385 from the floor, because that is what they are protesting, a water right transfer from a traditional
 386 agricultural community, Los Padillas to Pecan Orchard, just east of the Highline Canal in
 387 Valencia County. He said in 1995, the District agreed to provide water to that property through
 388 its turnout and it has been irrigated for the last 30 years from that head gate. He explained that
 389 the landowner is proposing to transfer all 40 acre feet from that plat without providing any water
 390 to its proposed plat, and the proposed plat is a special use permit that will allow a minimum of 1
 391 acre lots per each part of the property of the 40 acres. He added that they submitted a special
 392 use permit preliminary request and plat that would reduce that number to half an acre and
 393 adding another 20 lots to the plat. He said the Los Padillas Community Association held a
 394 community meeting and objected to those changes to the water transfer and the special use
 395 permit, so he asked MRGCD to support their protest. He added they can also file a protest as
 396 individuals.

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398 See also Appendix III.

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400 **Paula Sichler**

401 Mrs. Sichler thanked Mr. Jiron for his comments. She commented that not only does BOR need
 402 to clear the channel, they also need to look to their Forest Service to clear some forest lands so

403 water can get down to the river where it belongs and benefit the people of New Mexico. She
404 explained that in 2000, the Office of the State Engineer restricted groundwater permits for
405 irrigation in the Middle Rio Grande Valley, stating that they imposed other right holders rights
406 and continued to issue irrigation rights of 1 acre foot to everybody in the valley who wanted one,
407 which is an impairment to the rights of the people who had them in the first place. She asked for
408 them to stop that and stop issuing 1 acre wells to anybody. She stated they all need to be
409 diligent and make sure they are standing up for what is theirs in this state.
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AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 - UPDATE ON 2026 FALLOWING PROGRAM

411 Mr. Ish gave an update on the 2026 Water Leasing Program. He announced they decided to
412 suspend the Water Leasing Program for the 2026 season due to the lack of funding right now,
413 and they believe it is important to make this determination now so farmers have sufficient time
414 to plan for the 2026 season, as well as give landowners who do not farm themselves, time to
415 find contract famers for lands that might have been enrolled in the program. He noted this does
416 not affect other sources of water use for their strategic outfall deliveries. He stated that MRGCD
417 will continue to contribute 10% of its San Juan Chama allocation to the outfalls for 2026 and
418 there still remains a substantial amount of important work in several key projects that will
419 continue to move forward under the agreement they have with the State and NFWF once the
420 funds are available. He assured that MRGCD remains fully committed to implementing its
421 obligations advancing conservation and efficiency and look forward to potentially opening up a
422 late season leasing option once funding is in place.
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424 Director Russo Baca asked for an explanation on why funding was not available.
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426 Mr. Ish responded that funding originates as federal dollars, and those federal dollars go to the
427 National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, and then go to MRGCD, so they are waiting on it and were
428 told it would free up very soon, but they have waited as long as they can. He said they felt it was
429 fair to farmers to let them make a choice now on what they want to do, because he was not sure
430 they will get this program fully implemented before irrigation starts.
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432 Chairman Kelly asked if they anticipate that funding to be in place in time to offer a late season
433 fallowing program.
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435 Mr. Ish answered yes.
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437 Chairman Kelly inquired about the amount of funding being held up.
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439 Mr. Ish responded roughly \$3.5 million.
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441 Director Jiron asked if famers plant some spring crops because they are being told there might
442 not be any funding available and then the funding comes in, will they still be allowed to apply for
443 the late season funding.
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445 Mr. Ish responded that if they get a late season leasing program organized, they would accept
446 anyone who has irrigated in the 2026 season as long as the usual conditions are met.
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448 Mr. Casuga asked if they cannot guarantee they will be able to put the money on the ground this
449 year, would that money carry over in future years.
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451 Mr. Ish answered it is a multi-year agreement and there are no penalties associated with losing
452 this funding if they cannot implement.
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AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 - REPORT(S) FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

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a. Bureau of Reclamation - John Irizarry-Nazario, Deputy Area Manager

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Mr. Irizarry-Nazario gave the Board some updates. He said they do not have an approved budget yet, but they will have to reduce some of the budget. He noted there has been movement on HR, so hopefully they will start back hiring soon to provide the support they need. He talked about a secretarial order called Cutting Red Tape and Reducing Consumer Costs on Reclamation Construction Projects, where they believe there will be room for further collaboration with their stakeholders. In regard to El Vado, there is an end of year discussion tomorrow, a Reclamation meeting next week in Salt Lake City to discuss the Lessons Learned Report, and another meeting in April, where they will have the appraisal level Correction Action Study. He shared that they received a letter on Thursday requesting the extension relating to LSARI, but there is not enough time to continue it, so they have to close it and then look at alternatives to reopen it.

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Director Jiron asked what BOR's stance was with El Vado.

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Mr. Irizarry-Nazario responded they had to stop the construction project due to some issues they had and had to go back to the drawing board to review the alternatives. He said they will get the report going through the different new alternatives in April and will move forward from there.

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Director Jiron commented it seems like this project is taking a very long time. He knows they cannot store water, but hoped the State and BOR were not using that as an excuse to not get the work done in a timely manner. He expressed that farmers are dying down here because they cannot store water up there and it is frustrating and mindboggling that this is not panning out. He shared that it is scary that the presentation started about funding still being on hold and nothing moving.

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Mr. Irizarry-Nazario agreed it is taking longer than expected but they are hoping to be able to turn the page and move forward.

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Chairman Kelly expressed that he attended the briefing last week and was not impressed with the options they were looking at and felt the focus was not on Compact delivery. He said they seem to be trying to turn it into a piece of river that looks good on the drawing board, but does not meet the needs of conveying water down to Elephant Butte, cuts a key piece of infrastructure in half, and loses 7 miles of the Low Flow Conveyance Channel. He stated they need to find a way to extend the comment period on that so leading water management regulatory agencies in the state can make comments about the project. He voiced that after seeing what happened up at El Vado with a project started after years and years of design, he did not want to see that down in the lower valley at San Acacia. He added they need to do it quickly and have the budget to maintain what gets built down there with regard to sediment removal and vegetation management. He felt that as a minimum, they need to tell them today they will accept comments from the State Engineer on their big project.

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Mr. Irizarry-Nazario responded that partner agencies can continue making comments and they will listen to them, as the only part closing down today is the public comment period. He said he would work on getting that back open, but could not guarantee it.

507 See also Appendix IV.

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

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511 Mr. Taber expressed that not only do they need additional water, they need additional

512 cold weather. He explained that the surface reservoir is the snowpack in the upper

513 mountains and without cold weather, early runoff would occur and they want to keep that

514 as long as possible. He stated that in regard to water deliveries, he will be working with

515 the Pueblos at the upcoming Coalition meetings on the upcoming deliverable dates and

516 as changing of the systems, which is scheduled for March. He talked about operations

517 and maintenance. He expressed he had not heard of any major issues and the new work

518 request system has been operated and seems to be functioning. He shared they have

519 continuing issues with gopher holes and with tumbleweeds, but hopefully they will have

520 less issues with wind this year. He estimated they are at the halfway point in the season

521 for snowpack and are behind in the game, so he hoped for a banner spring. He added

522 there were changes happening within the BIA, as they have a new Acting Regional

523 Director and new Southern Pueblo Agency Superintendent.

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525 Director Dunning asked if the Coalition change leadership or have elections at the

526 beginning of the year.

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528 Mr. Taber answered yes, usually in the springtime.

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530 Mr. Casuga expressed that during the period of time irrigation season ends in

531 November, the hydrograph does something unique at the end of every year as water is

532 released in storage that was stored for the Pueblos, is being moved down. He asked Mr.

533 Taber if he could do a presentation on whose action that is at a later meeting, because

534 they get a lot of public comments on that, but MRGCD does not do that.

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536 Mr. Taber answered yes.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 - REPORT(S) FROM THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER -

538 Richard DeLoia

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540 **a. Consideration/Approval of the Pajarito Acequia - Durand Open Space Tree**

541 **Removal**

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543 Mr. DeLoia presented on the approval for the removal of up to 13 trees in the Pajarito

544 Acequia, Durand Open Space S to 5600 Isleta Blvd, which is funded through a New

545 Mexico Interstate Stream Commission Grant. MRGCD staff recommended award to

546 Desert Gardens in the amount of \$60,000, with tax, through the MRGCD On-call Tree

547 Trimming and Removal Contracts.

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549 Director Dunning asked what they do with the wood when it's removed.

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551 Mr. Padilla responded that they haul it off, but they can leave it there if needed for

552 people to pick up, but another project is coming in from the District to rehab that section.

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554 Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO AWARD \$60,000 TO DESERT GARDENS**

555 **FOR THE REMOVAL OF UP TO 13 TREES IN THE PAJARITO ACEQUIA.** Seconded by

556 Director Russo Baca. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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559 **b. Consideration/Approval for Compact Wheel Loader**

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561 Director Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMPACT WHEEL**
562 **LOADER**. Seconded by Vice Chairman Baugh. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

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564 **c. Consideration/Approval for Schmittle Road Pipeline Project**

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566 Mr. DeLoia presented the approval for the Schmittle Road Pipeline Project, which is
567 funded through MOA with Socorro County, and MRGCD staff recommended award to
568 Lopez Precision, LLC, for \$198,543.83, including tax. This project was awarded through
569 the MRGCD On-call Contractor Infrastructure Contracts.

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571 Chairman Kelly asked if their contractor is procuring an engineer to finish the 35%
572 design.

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574 Mr. Zamora answered they have a complete set of plans that's 100%.

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576 Chairman Kelly asked Mr. Lopez if their company was prepared to finish the project for
577 the price bid and the schedule established.

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579 Mr. Lopez answered yes.

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581 Director Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO AWARD \$198,543.83 TO LOPEZ**
582 **PRECISION, LLC FOR THE SCHMITTLE ROAD PIPELINE DESIGN**. Seconded by Director
583 Sandoval. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

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585 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 - REPORT(S) FROM THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS &**
586 **CONSERVATION - Casey Ish**

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588 **a. 2026 Work Plan for Center for Social Sustainable Systems - Jorge Garcia,**
589 **Executive Director, CESOSS**

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591 Mr. Garcia discussed the key initiatives and activities they are developing and
592 collaborating on, main points on the strategic alignment with MRGCD, and their first
593 quarter commitments. He talked about the Valle Vista Acequia Education and
594 Agricultural site and the things that would be coming out of the agricultural side, which
595 include a CSA and a partnership with the Family Resource Center for an after-school
596 program to provide workshops to parents and students. He stated that key initiatives are
597 the Acequia Walk and Talks and continuing the Primera Agua event. He said they were
598 going to be setting up specific signage at the Landmarks Project, that will be tailored to
599 represent the local history of Pajarito. He expressed that priority number one was the
600 preservation of agricultural lands and traditional irrigation systems, which they support
601 with several initiatives, including reviving the Atrisco Academy and having Acequia
602 Workshops on water rights adjudication on a regular basis to educate the community. He
603 voiced their other priorities consisted of water stewardship and a consistent resilience,
604 including creating enough outreach materials to address land and water stewardship,
605 public education and community engagement, and youth engagement and future
606 generations of farmers. Mr. Garcia expressed they will be having the Acequia Olympias,
607 working with the South Valley Regional Association, Mr. Ish, and MRGCD to reinstitute
608 the acequias, the governance of acequias, empowering people to come and talk to this
609 body, and planning the Primera Agua. He said they would also be bringing people from
610 the Pueblo of Atrisco in Mexico so they can rekindle collaborations and relationships.

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612 *See also Appendix V.*

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614 Director Dunning asked if they got involved in the luminarias along the ditch.

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616 Mr. Garcia answered no.

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618 Director Russo Baca asked if Tarah Jaramillo had access to their calendar of events or if
619 she could so they can attend.

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621 Mr. Garcia responded that they will do that and provide all the information.

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623 Mr. Casuga commented that sometimes when working with CESOSS or their funding,
624 there seems to be an idea where some state entities sometimes question whether or not
625 an acequia within the Middle Valley can receive money the same way an acequia in
626 northern New Mexico can. He explained they always end up getting the project done, but
627 it just seems like every year they have to jump through hoops with that. He suggested
628 that they start administratively first in asking them to stop doing that and figure out what
629 they need to do to clean that up in legislation. He added that they do not mind being their
630 fiscal agent, but they would like the process with the State to be smoother.

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632 Mr. Garcia responded that they welcome that and thanked him for saying it.

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634 Mr. Maestas shared that at this year's Congreso de las Acequias, they met with the
635 Attorney General's Department of Justice, Land Grant Division, and asked the Attorney
636 General if they would be willing to issue an opinion on this issue, and he said he more
637 than likely would but it needed to be requested by a legislator.

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639 Mr. Casuga voiced that he was happy that conversation happened but still felt it wise for
640 their legal counsel to look at it.

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642 Vice Chairman Baugh expressed that was an issue he was passionate about and was
643 on the Board because of the acequia culture. He said the Legislative Committee could
644 look into that.

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646 Chairman Kelly stated that as a member of the Finance Committee, they fund multiple
647 NGOs, CESOSS included, and a report like this is something they expect from every
648 one of those groups they support, and thanked them for that.

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650 **b. Update on Active Bosque Maintenance Projects - Jo Strange, Bosque**
651 **Management Coordinator**

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653 Ms. Strange gave an update on Bosque Maintenance Projects. She discussed the
654 completed the Big Hole Invasive Retreat, New Belen Bridge Project, new treatment of 65
655 acres on the New Belen Outfall, and the current treatment of the San Francisco Outfall.
656 She stated that for the season, they are looking at a total of 445 acres treated, 223
657 retreats and 222 new acres treated.

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659 *See also Appendix VI.*

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661 Chairman Kelly asked what their acreage of MRGCD owned Bosque is.

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663 Ms. Strange answered around 30,000 acres.

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665 Ms. Strange showed images and videos from all the work they on the Big Hole South
666 Project, the New Belen Outfall, and the San Francisco Outfall and explained all that was
667 done at each site.

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669 Vice Chairman Baugh asked how much was depleted from the invasive in regard to the
670 San Francisco Outfall.

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672 Ms. Strange answered they saved about 4.5 half feet per acre. She added that when
673 funding comes through, they are going to continue to go north to 60.

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675 Mr. Ish added that when they talk about invasives, there is also the water budget of the
676 natives that follow it, so it is important to note there is a narrower band of actual water
677 conserved because the native composition also has a water budget.

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679 Ms. Strange shared they worked with a contractor to produce a fire risk model for all four
680 divisions, which takes into consideration the fuel in the area, fire conditions, wind speed,
681 and proximity to infrastructure. She said they will be getting all the GIS layers to layer all
682 the fuel and fire probabilities and then start building priorities for treatment moving
683 forward. She noted that the model will get ran every year.

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685 Mr. Casuga added that it likely gives them other pathways for funding to keep feeding
686 the machine.

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688 Ms. Strange expressed that the data set is amazing and partnering with US Fish &
689 Wildlife and making sure to meet all the ESA guidelines and demands, she felt they were
690 on the right track to lower water usage, improve habitat, and support all the species
691 using the area. She noted it should be out by the end of the month.

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693 Mr. Casuga asked if their tribal partners could use this tool.

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695 Ms. Strange answered yes.

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697 Ms. Strange shared they are going to tour some of the project areas and go over the
698 process and how they are approaching things, and if any Pueblos want to reach out and
699 partner with treatments or what they are doing, she welcomed that. She said that US
700 Fish & Wildlife and the Partners Program pays for restoration work that benefit wildlife
701 habitat and partner with tribal entities.

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703 Mr. Ish added that long term, MRGCD wants to be the clearing house for providing
704 updates regionally on the status of Bosque healthy and fire mitigation, so they intend to
705 hand this off to anyone doing work inside the Bosque, as it is a good foundational tool for
706 helping everybody.

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708 Mr. Casuga asked if this was useful as they begin to have a conversation with the Board
709 about what an HCP looks like.

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711 Mr. Ish answered yes, and one of the most compelling arguments they can make in an
712 HCP is having a solid foundation and baseline of where they are from a natural resource
713 perspective and how they plan to move that resource forward through mitigation.

715 Mr. Casuga voiced that MRGCD is not anti-habitat, they're pro balance. He felt brighter
716 days were coming, but said they need to get everybody moving in the same direction.
717 Chairman Kelly expressed they need this kind of on the ground proof to show people
718 they can make things better and make habitat even better.
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720 Mr. Lopez shared he has been in salt cedar removal for 20 years and this was the best
721 he has seen.
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723 Ms. Strange stated this is her passion and having the trust and support to go out and do
724 the work she loves does not have to look one way. She said conditions and habitat are
725 changing and they all have to evolve and survive.
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727 **c. Consideration/Approval of Urban Issues Advisory Committee Charter - Casey Ish,
728 Director of Lands & Conservation, and Amanda Molina, Director of
729 Communications**

730 Vice Chairman Baugh made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE CHARTER
731 AND TO DIRECT STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE ADVERTISEMENT**. Seconded by
732 Director Russo Baca. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.
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734 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 - REPORT(S) FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES -
735 Eric Zamora, PE**

736 **a. Update on Off Season Operations and Maintenance Projects**

737 Mr. Zamora advised the A and B will be a combined presentation.
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739 See also *Appendix VII*.
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741 **b. Update on Capital Outlay Projects - Engineering Staff**

742 Angel Madera, Engineer, gave an update on the offseason construction projects. The
743 first project he discussed was the Socorro Main Canal Channel Lining Phase IIB, in
744 which they have lined about 0.6 miles of concrete canvas, installed all the head walls for
745 the turnouts, and installed all three concrete structures. He said in the next couple
746 weeks, they will finish installing the concrete canvas and start shotcreting lined sections
747 of the Main Canal. He then discussed the Belen Highline Canal Overflow Structure #2.
748 He stated that Lopez Precision finished shaping the channel and are currently working
749 on shaping the steps for the overflow. In the coming weeks, they will install the rebar and
750 shotcrete next week.
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752 Antoinette Ramos, Engineer, presented on the Low Flow Conveyance Channel. She
753 shared they are at 92% on the contract amount and should be done by January 15th.
754 She talked about their progress, stating they are 2 miles past Lake Escondida right now.
755 She then talked about the Corrales Siphon Project. She said Compass Engineering
756 mobilized in December on the Corrales side and will do the Sandia side in January. They
757 are still hoping to get the HDD operation started in March so they can be done in
758 December. She shared in the next three weeks, on the Sandia side, they would be
759 installing turnouts, temporary crossings for access and turnaround within the right-of-
760 way, and the 48-inch overflow pipe going to the Riverside Drain. She added they will
761 also do additional fill from 93 to 95. On the Corrales side, they will install the 68-inch
762 conductor casing. She expressed that funds expended are 9% and contract time use is
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767 11% so far. And on the Loretta Road Project, they got a few comments from NMDOT
768 they addressed and are looking at getting the project advertised on January 15th, with a
769 contract time of 160 days.

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771 Angelina Jiminez, Engineer, presented on the Acequia Madre Grant Project. She voiced
772 that they are expecting to receive the 100% design by the end of this week are they are
773 awaiting an executed agreement and transfer of the county funds to start on
774 construction. She talked about the Feeder 3 Transmission Line Phase I Project, which is
775 currently underway. She shared that MRGCD, BHI, and AU attended a pre-construction
776 conference on December 23, 2025, and they intend to issue the official notice to proceed
777 on January 19th. She noted the project timeline is 180 calendar days and they expect to
778 complete it by July.

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780 Mr. Casuga asked if any of the proposed work in this phase will have any effect on
781 irrigation season.

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783 Ms. Jiminez responded there are a few line items in this project that are in the channel, a
784 concrete dissipation structure and at least 15 feet of concrete channel lining within the
785 Feeder 3 Canal, which they expect AUI to complete before the irrigation season begins.

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787 Director Dunning asked if the City ever let MRGCD use the MRA, or are they still
788 thinking they are going to do something with it.

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790 Mr. Casuga responded they are still working on that meeting, and Councilor Baca is still
791 helping them try to work together.

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793 Chairman Kelly commented he was not keeping track of the money they have right now
794 in live contracts, but it is a lot, and to run that kind of money through their accounts is
795 huge and the ripple effect of that money is going through the economy and the people
796 working on the project, who mostly live in the valley. He asked what the multiplier was
797 for construction work.

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799 Mr. Zamora answered \$4.

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801 Chairman Kelly admitted he was skeptical about the concrete canvas at first, but it
802 seems to be very cost-effective and moved things along. He was very pleased with their
803 contract construction program.

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805 Mr. Zamora stated they were blessed with some very successful and hard-working,
806 experienced contractors this offseason.

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808 Mr. Zamora gave a brief overview of what is going on with the divisions. In Cochiti, they
809 have a culvert replacement, where they will be installing a new slightly large pipe,
810 shotcrete lining the connection, and then reconstructing the water pass. He said in the
811 Albuquerque Division, TR 7 is one of their major projects, and they have been
812 coordinating with Isleta Pueblo and the governor to discuss that project. They also have
813 a gas line relocation and water line relocation that will occur concurrently with their
814 project. He stated that the Riverside Drain Maintenance Project is at the South Diversion
815 Channel along the levee, where they have significant erosion and overgrowth of trees.
816 For the Belen Division, they have the New Belen Wasteway Rehabilitation, where they
817 have some buried pipelines. He voiced they also have the Peralta Main Check 13
818 Project, which is an upgrade from an old radial gate to a new Langeman Gate. He talked

819 about the Garcia Extension Acequia New Check, which resulted from a request for a
 820 new check. Mr. Zamora then went over the Socorro Division. He said they are starting to
 821 hit all the late season work, including culvert installations and turnout installations.
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823 Vice Chairman Baugh asked about using temporary weed racks in Belen, as they helped
 824 areas in Socorro Division.
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826 Mr. Zamora responded that all four divisions implement the use of weed racks at key
 827 locations, but there are probably a whole lot of pinch points they could add some to.
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829 Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING PAST 6:30 P.M.**
 830 Seconded by Director Lopez. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
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832 Chairman Kelly requested that they do away with the going passed 6:30 motion to
 833 extend the meeting at future meetings.
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835 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 - REPORT(S) FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER/CFO - Pamela**
 836 **Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**

837 a. **Presentation/Approval of the 2nd Quarter Financial Statements for FY2026 and**
 838 **Report from the Finance Committee Meeting, January 12, 2025 - Chairman Kelly,**
 839 **Directors Russo Baca and Dunning**

840 Ms. Fanelli presented for approval of the 2nd Quarter Financial Statements for FY26.
 841 She stated that the District's revenues and expenditures are in line with budgeted
 842 expectations. The General Fund, year to date through December, total revenues were
 843 \$9.7 million, plus other financing sources totaling \$160,000. She noted they are trending
 844 higher ad valorem from Bernalillo County based on the 2nd quarter of Fiscal Year 25.
 845 She said the total expenditures for the General Fund were \$14.2 million, and salaries
 846 and benefits were up by \$730,000, legal fees were up by \$143,000, and employee and
 847 Board related costs were up by \$178,000. She expressed that Grant Fund revenues
 848 were \$9 million and expenditures were \$9.4 million, which leaves about \$400,000 of
 849 expenditures to be billed as soon as checks have cleared. The Capital Investment Fund,
 850 revenues were \$1.1 million, 99% from ad valorem revenues. And expenditures were
 851 \$1.2 million, including \$785,000 of capital expenditures and \$355,000 of non-capital
 852 expenditures. She added that transfers from the debt service and the Grant Fund total
 853 \$500,000.
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855 Chairman Kelly expressed that the Finance Committee went through this in a little more
 856 detail and they are in good financial shape given the time of the year in the budget. The
 857 Finance Committee recommended the Board accept the report.
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859 Director Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2ND QUARTER**
 860 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.** Seconded by Director Dunning. The **MOTION CARRIED**
 861 **UNANIMOUSLY.**
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863 b. **Consideration/Approval of Resolution BA-01-12-26-110 Adoption of Amended**
 864 **Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (07-01-25 to 06-30-26) Grant Fund**

865 Director Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION BA-01-12-26-**
 866 **110.** Seconded by Director Dunning. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting
 867 yes. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
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Chairman Kelly	Yes	Vice Chairman Baugh	Yes
Director Dunning	Yes	Director Russo Baca	Yes
Director Sandoval	Yes	Director Jiron	Yes
Director Lopez	Yes		

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872 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 16 - REPORT(S) FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER/CEO**— Jason M. Casuga,
873 PE

874 a. **Report on the 2025 Colorado River Water Users Association Annual Conference,**
875 **December 16-18, 2025, Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Eric Zamora, Director of**
876 **Technical Services, and Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation**

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878 Mr. Casuga reported there is no deal yet. He stated the Bureau listed a lot of alternatives
879 but did not list a preferred one. He said the temperature of the overall meeting was better
880 this year, and felt it was the middle of the road whether a deal will get done or not, but
881 they are cautiously optimistic.

882 b. **Report on Bureau of Reclamation public Comment Meetings on the Draft**
883 **Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Lower San Acacia Reach**
884 **Improvements Project (LSARI) January 7th and 8th, 2026 - Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO,**
885 **Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation, Chairman Kelly, Directors Russo**
886 **Baca, Dunning, and Lopez**

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888 Mr. Casuga said there are public meetings on the draft impact statement and because of
889 the extension, those comments got submitted right at the end. He shared that they made
890 minor edits to the draft and are leaving the door open to take a look at their approach for
891 an explanation of that. He expressed that there is nothing they are proposing that they
892 love and they made that known.

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894 Director Russo Baca noted there was still time today to make public comment for anyone
895 still interested if they send it virtually by midnight.

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897 Mr. Casuga commented that water counsel was optimistic they will get an extension, but
898 MRGCD submitted comments anyway to just make sure they got them in.

900 c. **Report on MRGCD's Sandoval County Farmers & Irrigators Informational Meeting,**
901 **January 8, 2026, Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO, Chairman Kelly, Vice Chairman Baugh,**
902 **and Directors Russo Baca, Sandoval, Dunning, Jiron and Lopez**

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904 Mr. Casuga mentioned that Vice Chair Baugh had a conversation about charging with
905 them, as well as other concerns raised. He expects more volume of questions coming out
906 of Bernalillo and the attendance to be much higher.

907 d. **Information on Upcoming Events:**

1. **National Water Resources Association Policy Conference, April 27-29, 2026:**
910 **Washington, D.C.**
2. **MRGCD's Farmers and Irrigators Informational Meetings 9:00 a.m. - 12:00**
911 **p.m.**
 - 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**

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913 Mr. Casuga presented on the upcoming events.

919 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 17 - REPORT(S) FROM THE MRGCD ATTORNEY(s) - Chief Water**
920 **Counsel or General Counsel**

922 MRGCD's Attorney's did not have any reports to share during open session.

924 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 18 REPORT(S) FROM THE BOARD**

926 a. **Report on MRGCD, Office of State Engineer, and the Interstate Stream**
927 **Commission Compact Discussion, December 10, 2025 - Vice Chairman Baugh,**
928 **Directors Dunning and Russo Baca**
929 *See also Appendix VIII.*

931 b. **Report on New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission Meeting, December 11, 2025**
932 **- Director Russo Baca**
933 *See also Appendix VIII.*

935 c. **Report on the Valencia Soil & Water Conservation District Board Meetings,**
936 **December 18 and 31, 2025 - Director Russo Baca**
937 *See also Appendix VIII.*

939 d. **Report on meeting with Constituent Regarding Damage Claim, December 31, 2025**
940 **- Director Jiron**

942 Director Jiron shared that he was confronted by one of his constituents in Valencia
943 County who filed a claim that was denied by the District's insurance. He said he went out
944 to look at what he was talking about and there was a spoil pile along the roadside of the
945 Belen Highline. He displayed picture of it to the Board. The constituent claimed the soil
946 was pushing over his fence and damaging it. Director Jiron expressed that section of the
947 Belen Highline has filled in with floods in past history and asked if it would be possible to
948 throw some of that dirt on the west side of the Belen Highline moving forward. He also
949 noted there were not before pictures taken of that, which should be a must. He voiced
950 that when dirt piles are pushing into a fence like that, he would have to side with the
951 landowner.

953 Mr. Zamora responded that he talked to Mr. Otero about this, and without doing a lot of
954 detailed research, he believes the development of the solar farm helped generate
955 additional water and the area generated a lot more sediment, more runoff, and a lot
956 more erosion down the two little arroyos that feed into the area. He added that based on
957 their mapping, the fence line is in the MRGCD right-of-way. He said the dirt piles have
958 been there for years and as a result of the storms they received this year, Mr. Otero's
959 crews went in with a big dozer and flattened them out. He shared that he has not seen
960 the insurance denial of the claim, but he would provide any additional information.

962 Director Jiron expressed that yes, the fence might have been there before, but when a
963 resident provides pictures to the District where clearly the dirt is leaning against the
964 fence, who is to say it wasn't like that before if they do not have before pictures. He said
965 that in regard to it being on MRGCD right-of-way, his fence sits 5 feet to the east,
966 towards the house. He asked if that meant that all of those residents are now
967 encroaching on the right-of-way.

968 Mr. Zamora said that based on the aerial mapping he saw, the answer would be yes, but
969 he would need to confirm all of that.

971 Mr. Casuga added that all the photos submitted to them were submitted to the State,
 972 their insurance carrier, and the claim was denied. He stated that they will doublecheck
 973 the survey, but the nature of the claim is closed unless the landowner chooses to take
 974 additional action, which they have the right to do.

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 976 *See also Appendix IX.*
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978 **e. Report on the South Valley Regional Association of Acequias Comisionado
 979 Meeting, January 5, 2026 - Director Russo Baca**
 980 *See also Appendix VIII.*

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 982 **f. Report on the Valencia County Commissioners' Meeting, January 7, 2026 -
 983 Director Russo Baca**
 984 *See also Appendix VIII.*

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 986 **g. Report on Farmers for Future Farmers Meetings, December 9, 2025, January 6 & 9,
 987 2026 - Directors Russo Baca and Lopez**

988 Director Lopez stated that he attended the meeting and was there to just take in
 989 information.
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991 Director Russo Baca submitted written board reports. *See also Appendix VII.*
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993 Chairman Kelly noted that the motion also includes 14(b), for the Bureau Meeting they
 994 went to that Mr. Casuga reported on.
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996 Director Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPORTS FROM THE
 997 BOARD AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**. Seconded by Director Dunning. The
 998 **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

1000 Director Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:44
 1001 pm.** Seconded by Vice Chairman Baugh. Rollcall vote was administered with all members
 1002 voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED.**
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Chairman Kelly	Yes	Vice Chairman Baugh	Yes
Director Dunning	Yes	Director Russo Baca	Yes
Director Sandoval	Yes	Director Jiron	Yes
Director Lopez	Yes		

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 1005 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 19 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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 1007 **a. NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)2**
 1008 1. Limited Personnel Matters
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 1010 **b. NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)7**
 1011 1. Threatened or Pending Litigation

1012 Director Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION at
 1013 7:18 pm.** Seconded by Director Dunning. Rollcall vote was administered with all members
 1014 voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED.**
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Chairman Kelly	Yes	Vice Chairman Baugh	Yes
Director Dunning	Yes	Director Russo Baca	Yes
Director Sandoval	Yes	Director Jiron	Yes
Director Lopez	Yes		

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1020 With no further comments, questions, or concerns, Chairman Kelly adjourned the meeting at 7:18
1021 pm.

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1023 Approved to be the correct Minutes of the Board of Directors of January 12, 2026.

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1026 **ATTESTED:**

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1030 Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

John P. Kelly, Chairman
MRGCD Board of Directors

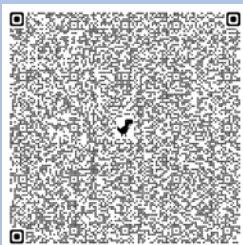
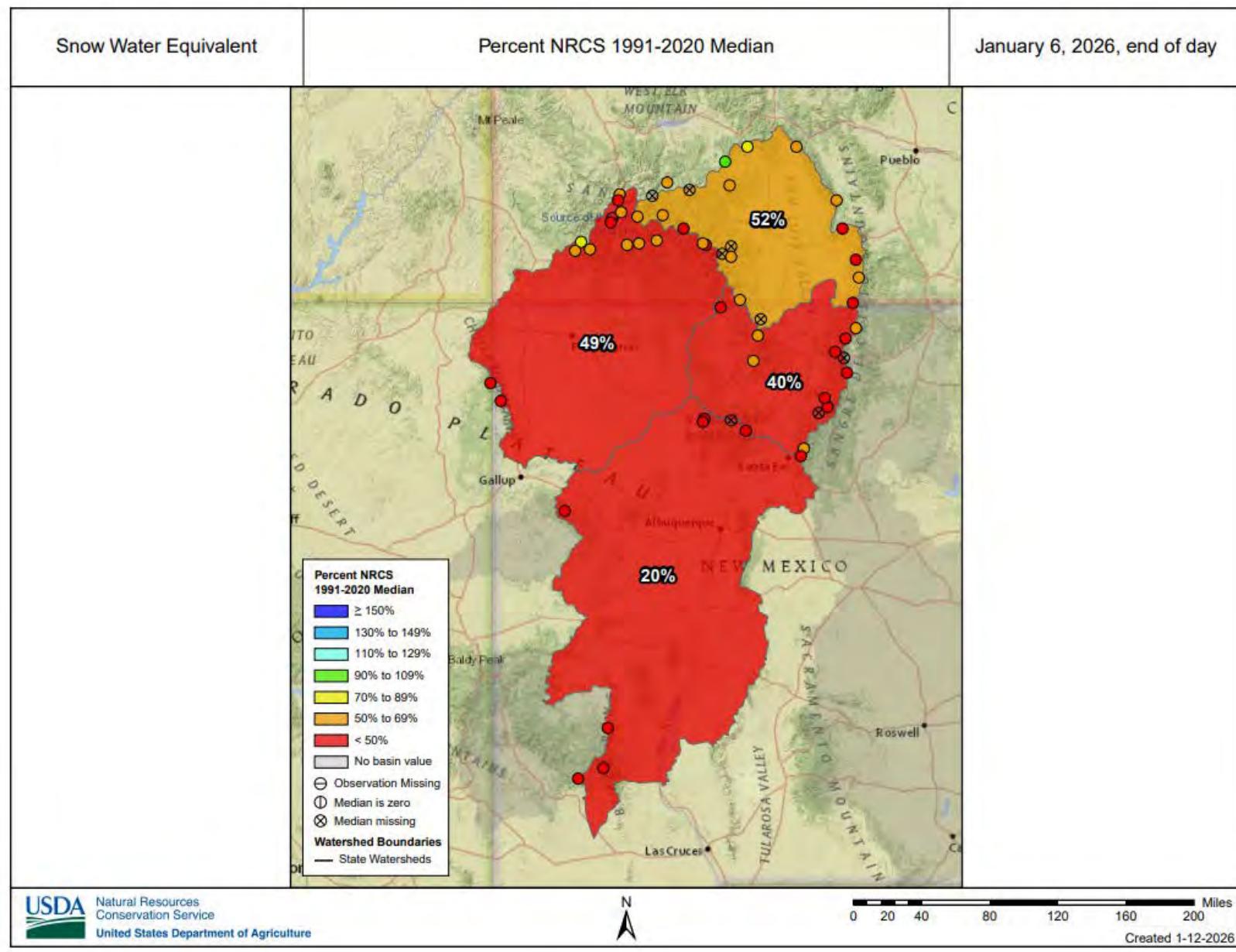
Water Supply Update

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Board of Directors Meeting

Prepared and Presented by: Anne Marken

Date: 1/12/2026

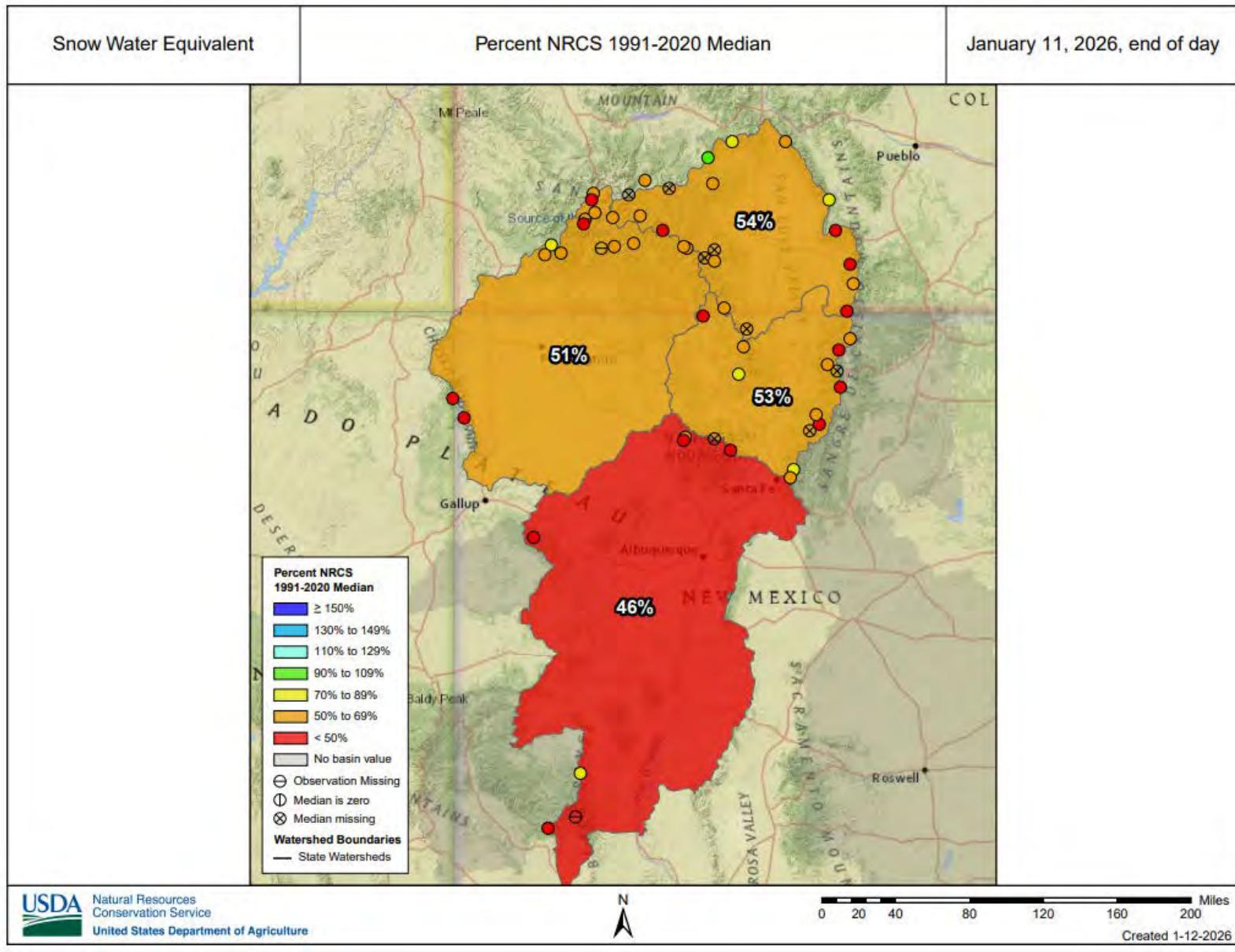
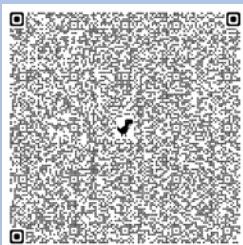




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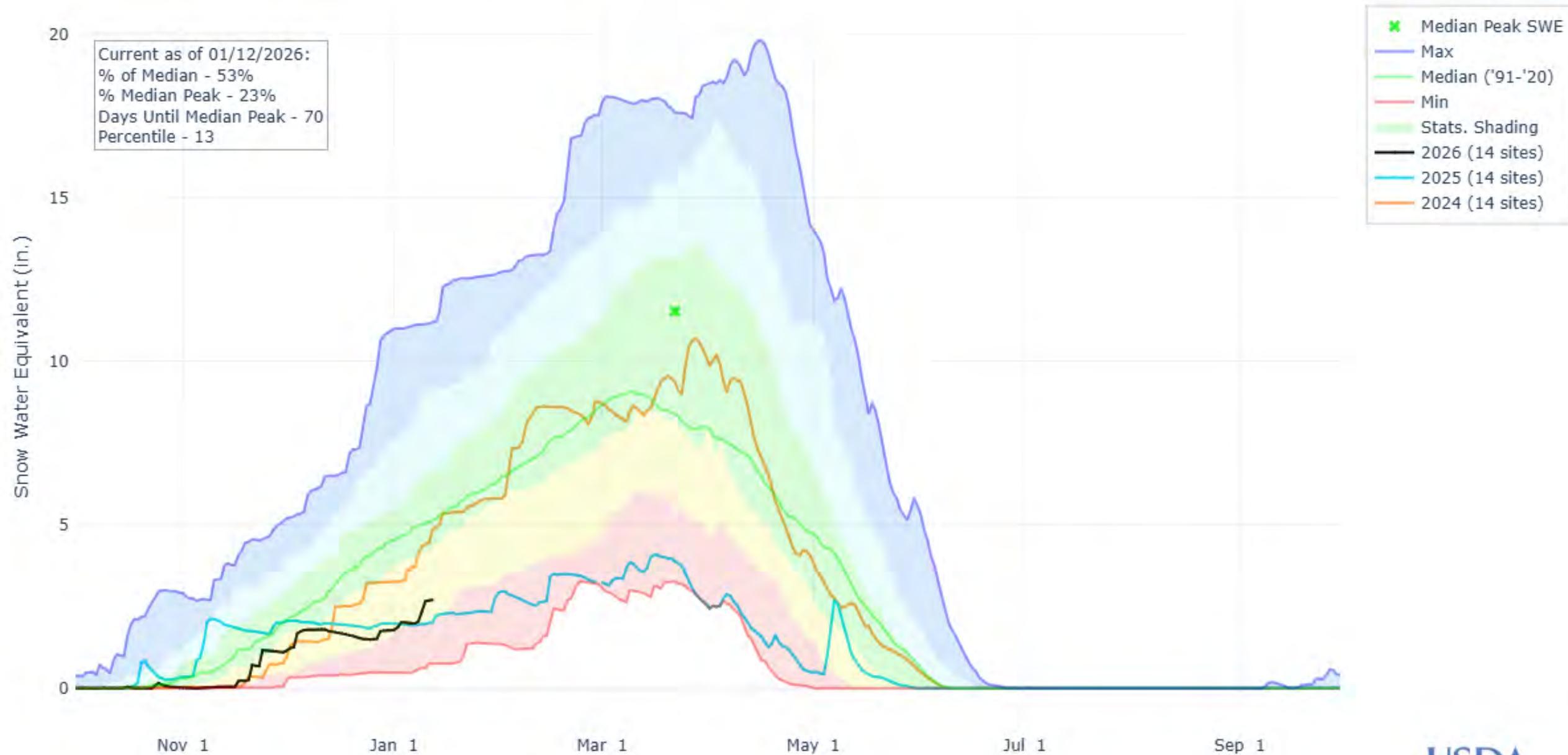


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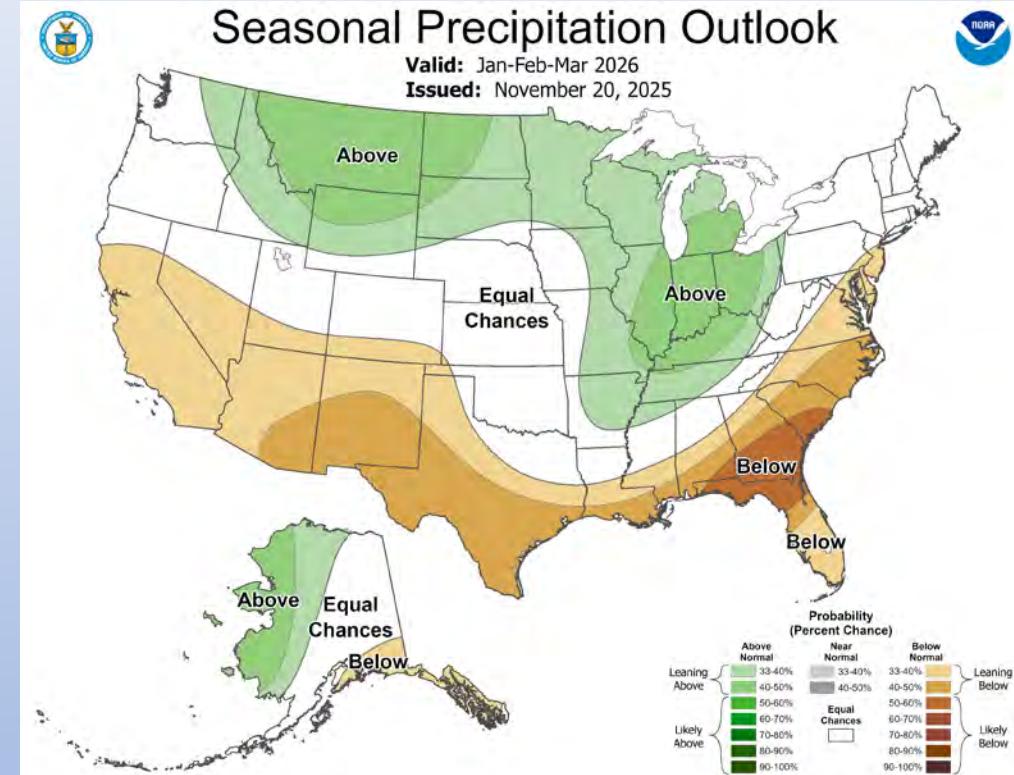
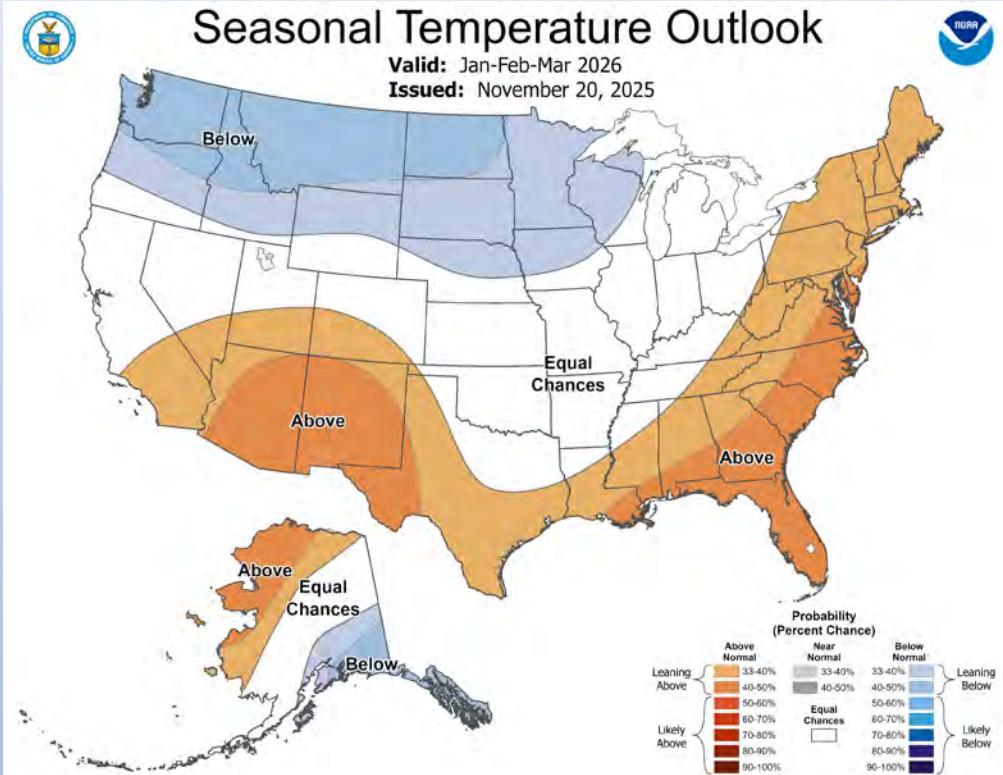


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SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN RIO CHAMA-UPPER RIO GRANDE



NWS Seasonal Outlook



https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/long_range/seasonal.php?lead=1



Questions?



Appendix II



New Mexico Office of the State Engineer / Interstate Stream Commission



State Updates for the MRGCD Board of Directors

State Engineer Elizabeth Anderson, P.E.

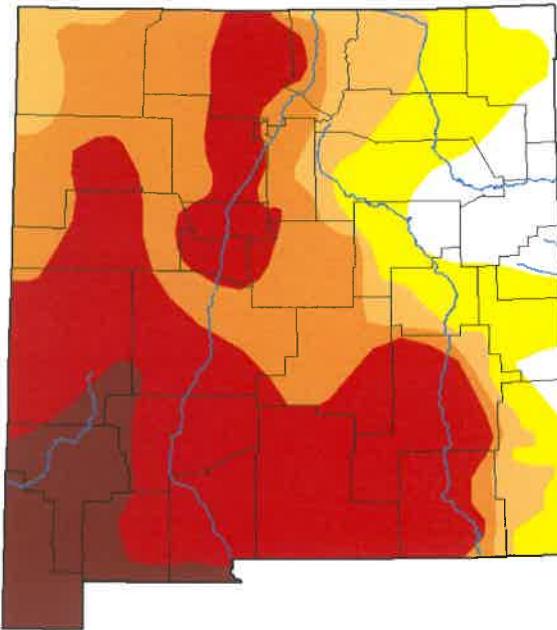
ISC Director Hannah Riseley-White

January 12, 2026

Climate and Hydrology Challenges

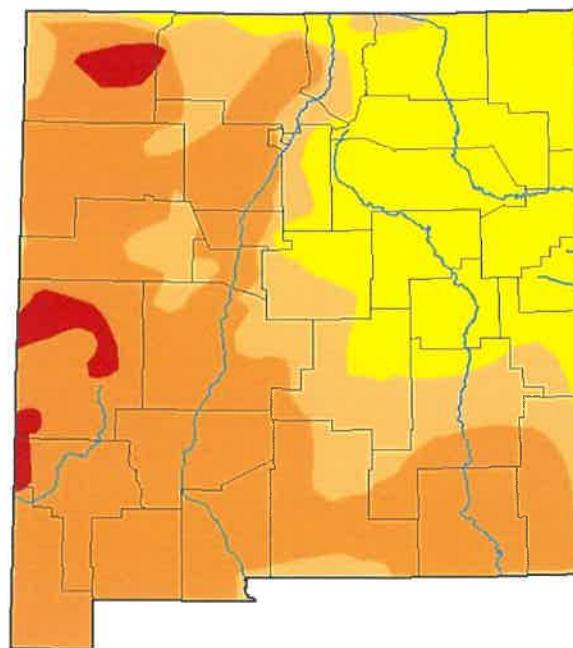
U.S. Drought Monitor

June 10, 2025



U.S. Drought Monitor

January 6, 2026



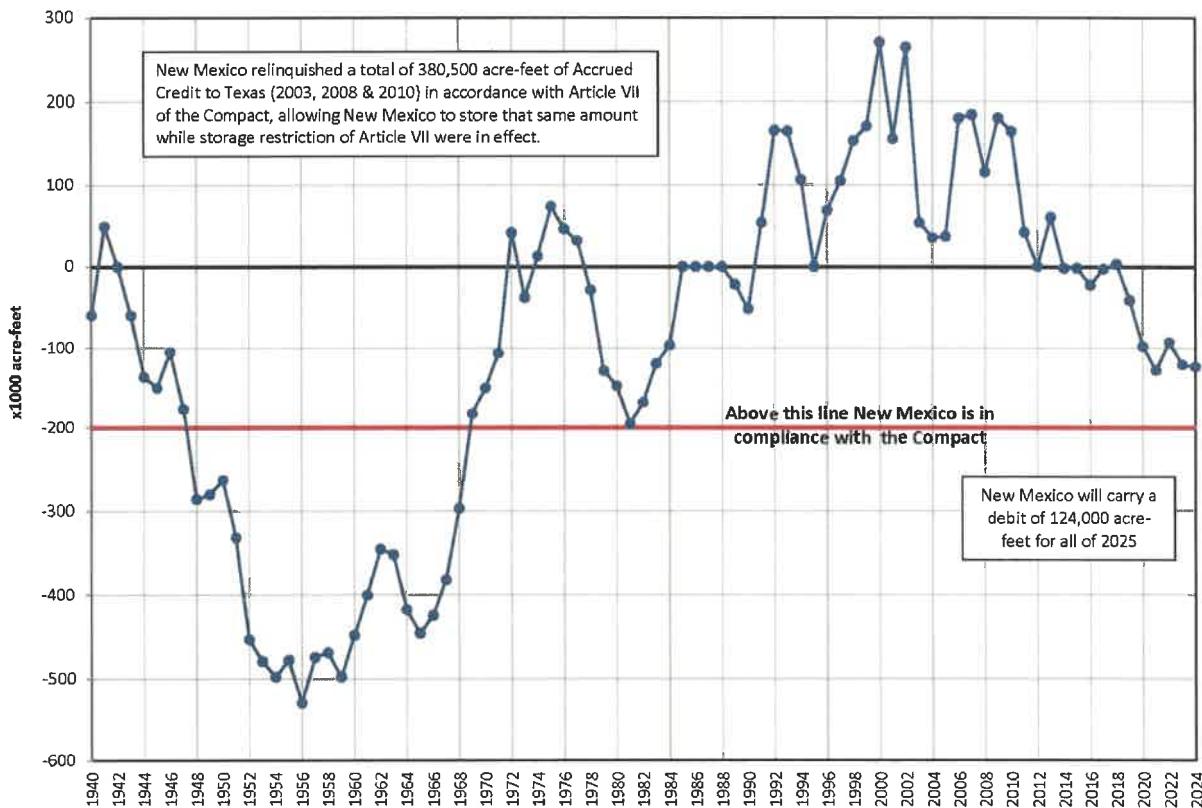
Persistent Drought Conditions (2025)

- 2025 was a very difficult year with challenging conditions throughout the Rio Grande Basin
- Most of the Middle Rio Grande Valley remains in 'severe drought' conditions as we head into the 2026 irrigation season



Rio Grande Compact Debt

Rio Grande Compact Cumulative Departures 1940 through 2025

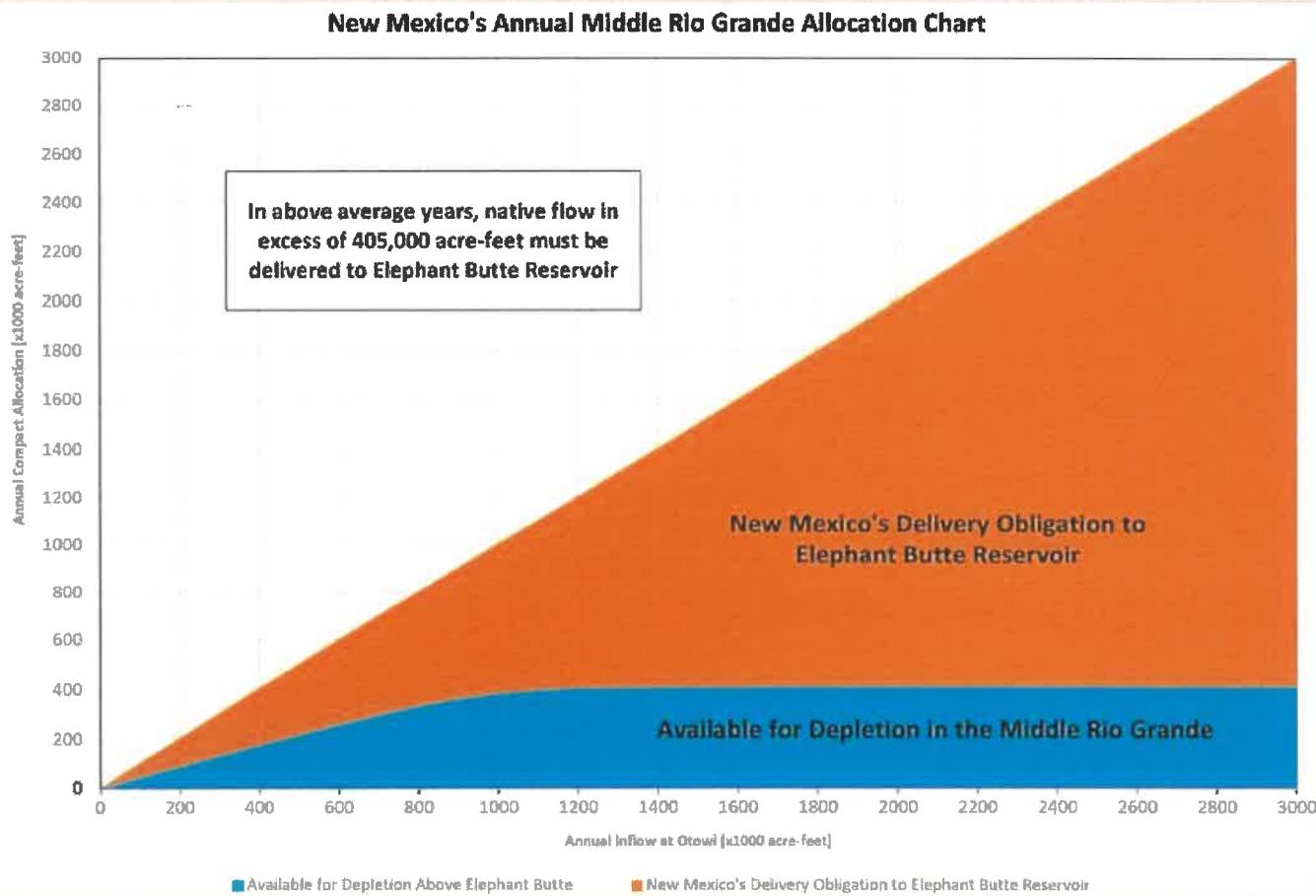


Compact Debt Requires Urgent Action

- Current debt **124,000 acre-feet**
- Compact violation = 200,000 acre-feet of debt
- Deliveries provide water for downstream users in New Mexico, Texas and Mexico
- *Compact status affects ability for upstream storage, critical for MRGCD water users*



Rio Grande Compact Obligation



Compact Limits Middle Valley Depletions

- MRG depletions capped at 405,000 acre-feet
- Increasing temperatures result in higher demands from water users and riparian vegetation
- **Creative solutions** will be needed to ensure continued compliance and ability to store upstream



All Hands on Deck Moment



OSE and ISC are taking pro-active steps to engage with all water users in the Middle Rio Grande.

Solutions will necessarily require engagement with various water use sectors:

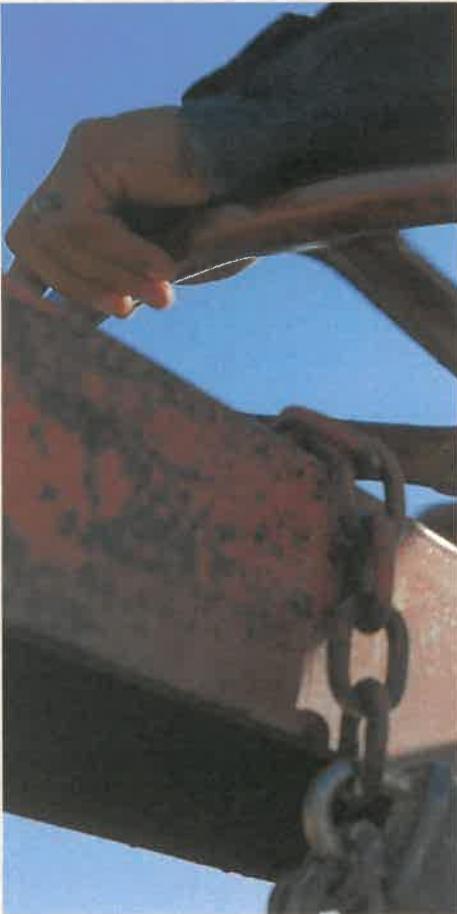
- Agriculture
- Municipal and Domestic
- Industrial and Commercial

We must ***work together*** to both reduce depletions and increase efficiencies, including critical river channel work.

Effort will ***ensure local economies continue to thrive.***



Middle Rio Grande Work Underway - OSE



- Ongoing Water Rights Administration
 - Middle Rio Grande Administrative Area (MRGAA) Guidelines based on Conjunctive Use Management
 - Continuation of policies in place (e.g. not allowing new supplemental wells to surface water)
 - Middle Valley FDR = 3 AF / acre
- Enforcement & Compliance (illegal use of groundwater & surface water, incl. pond compliance project).
- Upcoming Metering Order
- Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Water Rights Settlement Negotiations



Major Work Underway - ISC



Middle Rio Grande

- **Active Channel Management for Improved Conveyance**
 - Critical Partnerships: Reclamation, Army Corps of Engineers, MRGCD
 - Cooperative Agreement with MRGCD
 - State Funding = ~\$45 million, with additional asks this legislative session
 - Lower San Acacia Reach Improvement: commitment to ensure that major river realignment by Reclamation improves deliveries to Elephant Butte Reservoir
 - Over \$140 million in additional funding to Reclamation for this project so far
 - Rio Chama and Delta Channel: ongoing maintenance and sediment plug mitigation
 - Low Flow Conveyance Channel Maintenance
- **Active Depletions Management**
 - Support for MRGCD Voluntary Demand Reduction Programs
- **Planning for Improved Water Management**
 - Data, Modeling, and Development of Various Management Tools
 - Basin-Wide Planning for More Flexible Operations, e.g., Rio Grande Basin Study
 - Depletions Reductions through Vegetation Management



2026 Legislative Session



Modernize the agency

- Retain and recruit highly qualified staff
- Catch up to 21st century technologies, including expanded measurement and metering
- Emphasis on stronger enforcement capabilities

Focus on the Rio Grande

- Invest in the Lower Rio Grande through implementation of the proposed TX v NM U.S. Supreme Court Settlement
- Keep water flowing to Elephant Butte Reservoir through more focused work in the Middle Rio Grande

Plan for New Mexico's water future

- Advance and track implementation of the 50-Year Water Action Plan
- Re-envision regional water planning through continued implementation of the 2023 Water Security Planning Act
- Prioritize further progress on Indian Water Rights Settlements



Strength through Partnership



Let us know how we can best work together.

Outcomes for New Mexico and the Middle Rio Grande Valley will depend on our ability to work together.

Rio Grande Compact

Fact Sheet

The **Rio Grande Compact** is a legally binding agreement between Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas that divides the river's water among the three states. Compliance with the Compact protects water uses in New Mexico, including senior and groundwater rights. Given increasing water scarcity, the State of New Mexico is taking pro-active steps to engage New Mexicans throughout the basin to ensure our communities and economies that rely on the river can continue to thrive.



NEW MEXICO'S COMPACT OBLIGATIONS

The Compact requires New Mexico to take the following actions throughout the river:

Upper Rio Grande

Water use must be maintained at 1929 levels.

Middle Rio Grande

New Mexico must deliver a portion of river flows (this excludes imported San Juan-Chama water) entering the Middle Valley near Espanola to Elephant Butte Reservoir. In dry years, approximately 60% of flows must be delivered; in wet years, more than 80%.

Lower Rio Grande

Water stored in Elephant Butte Reservoir is delivered to users in southern New Mexico, Texas, and Mexico, with water apportioned based on the Compact and international treaties. New obligations below Elephant Butte reservoir may result based on the proposed settlement in the U.S. Supreme Court litigation. The settlement clarifies how water is apportioned below Elephant Butte, protects groundwater uses and the state's ability to administer, and provides greater long-term certainty to water users.



CHALLENGES

Compact Debt

New Mexico must carefully manage deliveries to avoid Compact debt—a running balance of under-deliveries to the Compact. If debt exceeds 200,000 acre-feet, it is considered a violation that could result in litigation. Compact rules restrict upstream storage when New Mexico carries debt (Articles VI & VIII) and when Elephant Butte and Caballo Reservoirs hold less than 400,000 AF of usable water (Article VII).

Hydrologic Changes and Aridification

A warming, drying Southwest makes compact compliance more challenging. Reduced snowpack, variable monsoons, and higher evaporation all reduce flows in the Rio Grande. Meanwhile, demands from agriculture, riparian vegetation, sedimentation and channel conveyance issues, and domestic, commercial, municipal, and industrial (DCMI) uses, continue to rise while Compact delivery requirements remain constant.

Management Complexity

Balancing water use with available supply, while meeting compact obligations, requires collaboration, flexibility, and innovation. Together we can conserve water, improve conveyance efficiency, adapt to hydrologic variability, and protect local economies through efficient use of water in all sectors.



NEW MEXICO'S RESPONSE

Projects & Investments

- ~\$45 million in the Middle Rio Grande for channel maintenance, habitat improvements, cooperative agreements including with the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, sediment management, and water conservation programs.
- ~\$65 million in the Lower Rio Grande for groundwater conservation, stormwater management, aquifer recharge, cooperative agreements including with the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, and long-term planning with local stakeholders.

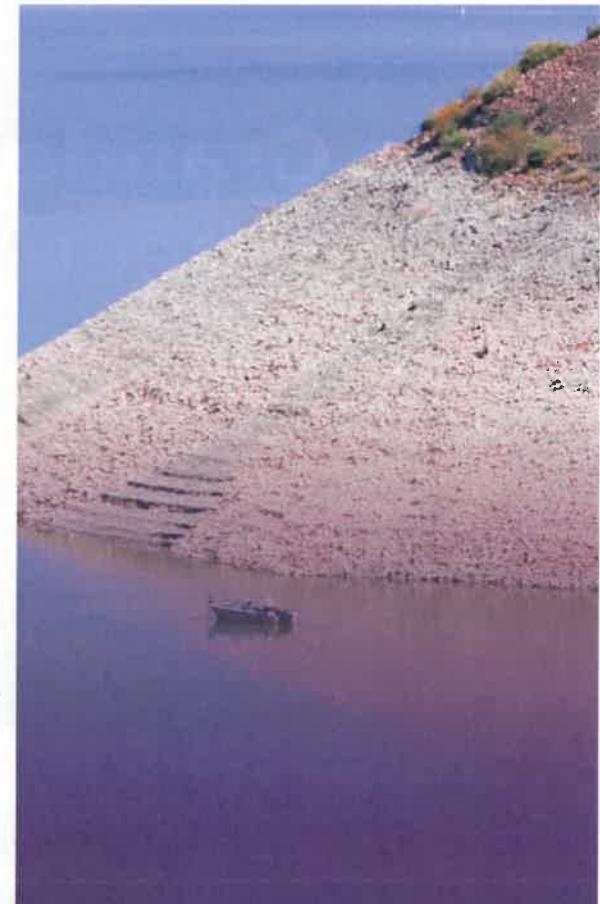
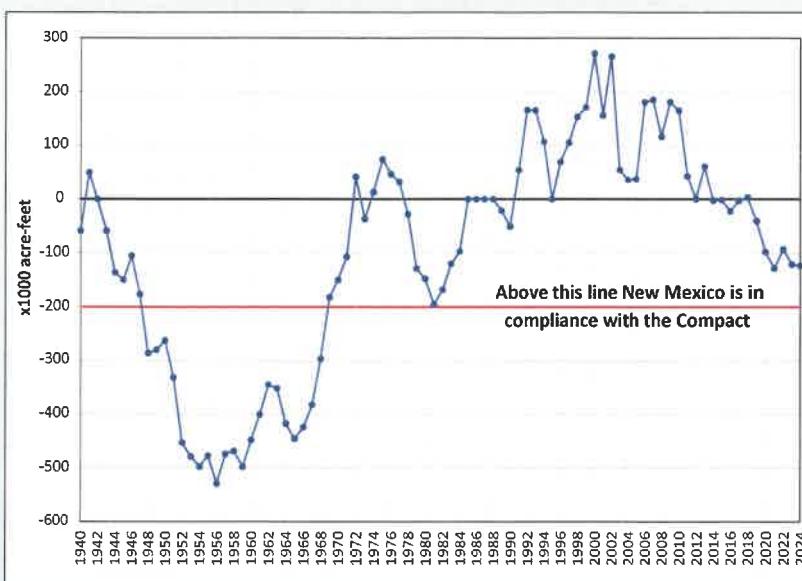
Administration & Tools

- **Conjunctive Use:** management of surface and groundwater to protect Compact deliveries.
- **Active Water Resource Management (AWRM):** proactive rules and regulations for water sharing and administration.
- **Strategic Water Reserve:** acquiring and managing water rights to support flows for Compact compliance and environmental needs.

Planning

- The Water Security Planning Act modernizes regional water planning combining the best-available science, public involvement, and prioritizing funding for project implementation.

Figure 1. Rio Grande Compact Cumulative Departures from 1940 to 2024



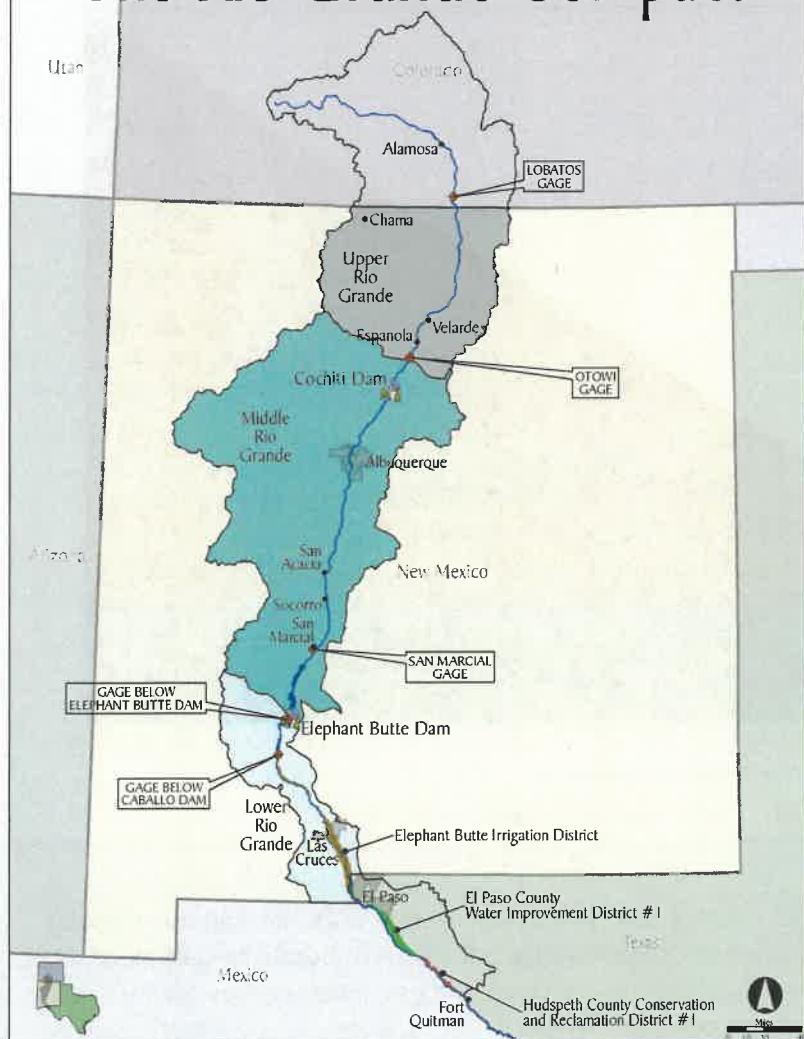
LOOKING AHEAD

Over the next 50 years, New Mexico is projected to have **25% less water** due to rising temperatures. A secure water future depends on careful management, collaborative planning, and statewide conservation. **Everyone—from farmers to municipalities to state agencies—must play a role in sustaining the Rio Grande and meeting Compact obligations.** Together, we can protect this vital resource for generations to come.

Rio Grande Compact and Administration

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The Rio Grande Compact



RIO GRANDE COMPACT OVERVIEW

The Rio Grande Compact (Compact) is a 1938 water sharing agreement between the states of Colorado, New Mexico and Texas. It allocates the river's water among the three states and governs how water is stored, delivered, and used.

Within New Mexico, the Rio Grande basin includes three subbasins, each with distinct Compact requirements:

Upper Rio Grande (URG):

This subbasin must hold depletions of water to those that occurred around 1929. All reservoirs built after 1929 are subject to Compact restrictions under Articles VI-VIII. This subbasin includes the Rio Chama, the Rio Grande's largest New Mexico tributary, and where the San Juan-Chama Project delivers water to the Rio Grande from the Upper Colorado River basin. Imported San Juan-Chama water, which is explicitly provided for in the Compact, supplements local supply but does **not** count toward New Mexico's Compact delivery obligations. By law San Juan-Chama water must be fully consumed in the Middle Rio Grande.

Middle Rio Grande (MRG):

New Mexico must deliver a share of the annual Rio Grande flows that pass the Otowi gage to Elephant Butte Reservoir for downstream use by New Mexico, Texas and Mexico.

Native flows originate in the Rio Grande basin; native water is differentiated from imported water from the San Juan-Chama Project.

- In dry years, 60% of the flow past Otowi must be delivered to Elephant Butte Reservoir.
- In wet years, more than 80% of native Rio Grande flows past Otowi must be delivered to Elephant Butte Reservoir.

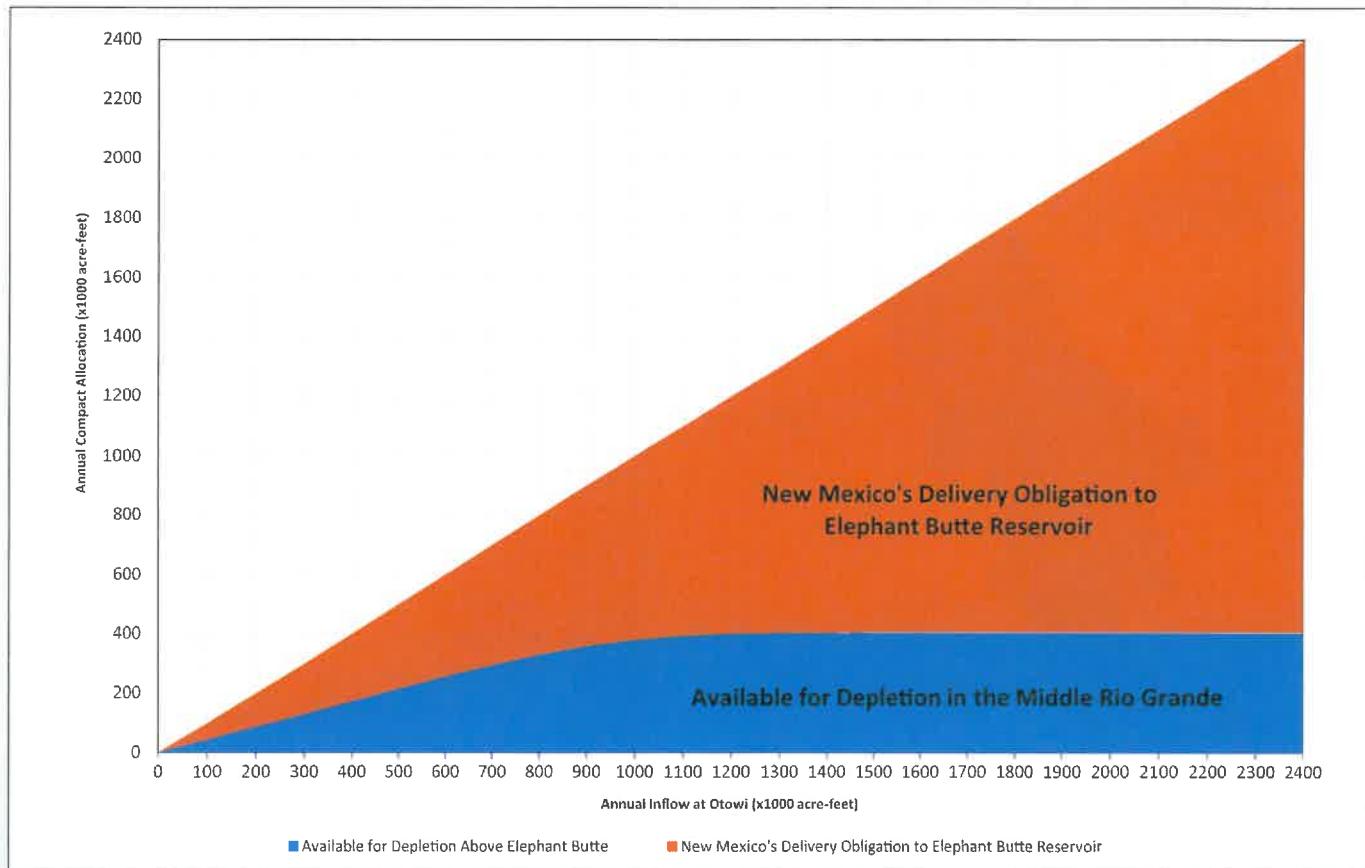
- Native water consumption in the MRG is capped at 405,000 **acre-feet per year**, regardless of the flows past Otowi.

An acre-foot is the amount of water that would cover one acre of land to a depth of one foot.

- Any precipitation between Otowi and Elephant Butte Reservoir - typically monsoonal precipitation - can be used in the MRG, may contribute to Compact deliveries, and does not affect New Mexico's delivery obligation.
- Over-deliveries of native water to Elephant Butte Reservoir result in credits to New Mexico, while underdeliveries result in Compact debt.

Figure 1 shows the annual maximum volume of water that can be depleted within the Middle Rio Grande. The remainder of which must be delivered to Elephant Butte Reservoir for users in the LRG in New Mexico, Texas and Mexico.

Figure 1. Rio Grande Compact: Annual Middle Rio Grande Allocation



Lower Rio Grande (LRG):

Water stored in Elephant Butte Reservoir is apportioned based on the Compact and international treaties. New obligations may result based on the proposed settlement in the U.S. Supreme Court litigation. The settlement clarifies how water is apportioned, protects groundwater uses and the state's ability to administer, and provides greater long-term certainty to water users.

CHALLENGES: COMPACT DEBT, ARIDIFICATION, AND INCREASED DEPLETIONS

Why Compact Debt Matters

Flexibility in managing upstream reservoir storage depends on Compact status.

When Elephant Butte and Caballo Reservoirs together hold less than 400,000 acre-feet of usable water, or when New Mexico carries a Compact debt, upstream storage of native Rio Grande water in post-1929 reservoirs is restricted (see FIGURE 2).

- **Compact Violation Threshold:** A debt exceeding 200,000 acre-feet constitutes a violation.
- **2025 Status:** New Mexico's accrued underdelivery, or debt, is approximately 124,000 acre-feet, leaving a narrow margin before reaching the litigation threshold. If our debt reaches 200,000 acre-feet, administration would be necessary to remedy the debt, such as curtailment of water uses in the middle valley.

If a state violates Compact terms, case law affirms that the Compact represents the most senior water right — meaning all other uses, with the exception of tribal water rights, are subject to its fulfillment.

When New Mexico is in an accrued Compact debt, upstream reservoirs constructed after 1929 shall retain that amount in storage, which is subject to call from Texas in January of the following year.

—Compact Articles VI and VIII

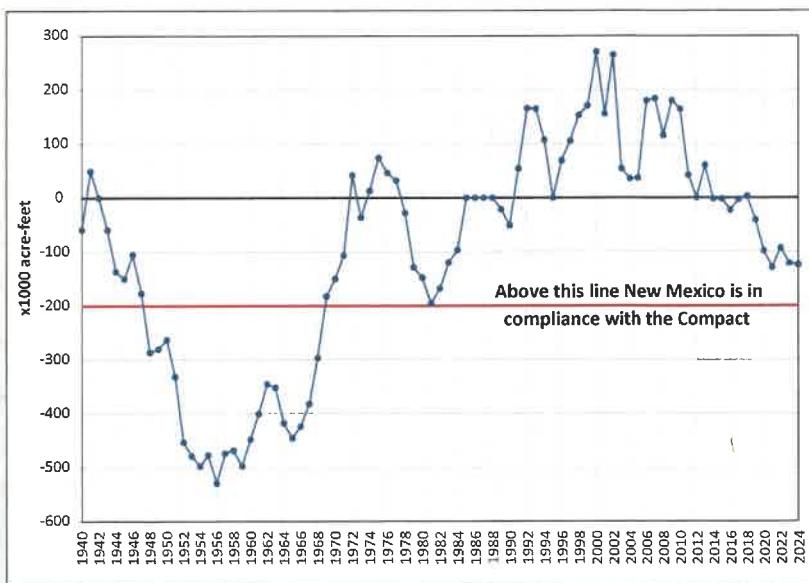
When Elephant Butte and Caballo Reservoirs have less than 400,000 acre-feet of Usable Water in storage, New Mexico cannot store native water in upstream reservoirs constructed after 1929. Usable Water is native Rio Grande water, exclusive of credit water, in Project Storage and available for irrigation demands in New Mexico, Texas and Mexico.

—Compact Article VII

Compact Violation Trigger = 200,000 acre-feet of accrued debt

—Compact Article VI

Figure 2. Rio Grande Compact Cumulative Departures from 1940 to 2024

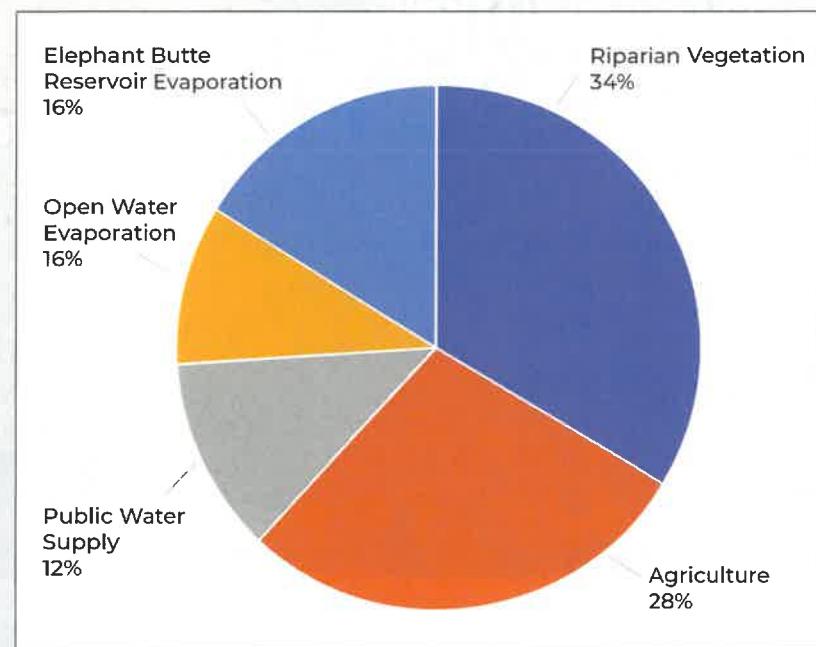


GROWING PRESSURE ON A LIMITED RESOURCE

Managing debt is becoming increasingly difficult. Less snowpack, hotter temperatures, and higher evaporation all reduce river flow. There has also been variable monsoon rainfall over the last 10 years. At the same time, water demand across agriculture, riparian ecosystems, and cities has not decreased. These pressures have made compact debts more difficult to manage.

By **2070**, New Mexico is projected to have **25% less available water** in our rivers and recharging our aquifers due to increasing temperatures. Effective management requires administrative action, channel conveyance improvements, and long-term adaptation. (see **FIGURE 3**).

Figure 3. Average Annual Middle Rio Grande Depletions by Sector 2002-2021 (from Upper Rio Grande Operations Model)





SOLUTIONS: PROJECTS, PLANNING, AND ADMINISTRATION

Given the many challenges facing New Mexico in the Rio Grande, including aridification, changes in precipitation patterns, river channel limitations, and increases in depletions, the State needs a multi-pronged approach to more effectively manage and balance water use with available supply, while meeting compact obligations.

PROJECTS AND INVESTMENTS

Middle Rio Grande

Through **~\$45 million in investments (2023–2024 legislative sessions)**, New Mexico is advancing multi-benefit projects that support Compact compliance, habitat health, and infrastructure resilience:

- **Active Channel Management** for improved conveyance and ecological function
- **Partnerships** with federal agencies (Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)
- **Cooperative Agreement** with the **Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD)**
- **Voluntary Depletion Reduction Programs** to reduce agricultural water use
- **Elephant Butte Delta Maintenance** and sediment mitigation
- **Sediment and Channel Management** particularly in the Rio Chama basin
- **Modeling and Data Improvements** to inform decision-making
- **Low-Flow Conveyance Channel Enhancements** to more efficiently convey water, including return flows from MRGCD, to Elephant Butte Reservoir

Lower Rio Grande

Through **~\$65 million in investments (2023–2025 legislative sessions)**, the state is implementing programs to manage depletions, develop new supplies, and strengthen local partnerships:

- **Groundwater Conservation:**
 - 6,191 acres enrolled in voluntary leasing agreements through the end of 2025
 - Over 8,300 acres included in applications to participate in the program beginning in 2026
- **Groundwater Acquisitions** for Compact and aquifer sustainability
- **Development of New Supplies** aquifer recharge, brackish water development, stormwater capture, and potential regional water importation
- **Stakeholder Engagement** developing long-term solutions through cooperative input
- **Cooperative Agreement** with the **Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID)**
- **Building the NMISC/NMOSE Team** in Las Cruces to support implementation and oversight

PLANNING

The **Water Security Planning Act** — passed unanimously — modernizes regional water planning to prepare for a hotter, drier future. Regional plans will:

- Incorporate **robust public involvement**, including major water rights holders
- Be **grounded in best-available science and modeling**
- **Link directly to implementation** through prioritization of projects for funding
- **Build local capacity** for proactive water management
- Adhere to **State water law** including priority administration

This framework fulfills recommendations from the **2022 Water Policy and Infrastructure Task Force** and supports the **50-Year Water Action Plan**.

ADMINISTRATION + TOOLS

Conjunctive Management

New Mexico has led the nation in conjunctive surface and groundwater management since 1956. State courts affirm the State Engineer's authority to coordinate these resources to ensure Compact compliance — including through offset requirements (City of Albuquerque v. Reynolds, 1962-NMSC-173).

Active Water Resource Management (AWRM)

AWRM empowers the State Engineer to enforce water laws and manage use proactively — even in basins without completed adjudications. This will be one of the tools available to the State Engineer to reduce depletions to address our compact debt. It allows for the State Engineer to meter and limit water uses, but also allows for water users to develop alternative management plans that allow for cooperative water sharing. AWRM can be used to reduce depletions while providing flexibility and certainty for users.

Strategic Water Reserve

The New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission maintains the Strategic Water Reserve — a vital tool to acquire, lease, and manage water rights that support both Compact deliveries and environmental flows. This authority is established under NMSA 1978, § 72-14-3.3.

Appendix III

JOIN THE SVRAA WATER RIGHT PROTEST

NOTICE is hereby given that on September 15, 2025, Mesa Verde Farms, LLC, and Kathleen Mae Williams, Mike Mechenbier, Jon E. Mechenbier et al., 3211 Highway 47, Los Lunas, NM 87031, filed with the **STATE ENGINEER** Application No. (SD-03108 into RG-10260 et al.)-T for Permit to Temporarily Change Point of Diversion and Place of Use from Surface Water to Groundwater within the Middle Rio Grande Underground Basin, in the State of New Mexico.

Valencia and Bernalillo are the counties affected by the diversion and in which the water has been or will be put to beneficial use. This notice is ordered to be published in the *Valencia County News-Bulletin* and the *Albuquerque Journal*.

The applicants propose to discontinue the diversion and use of a farm delivery requirement (FDR) of 134.40 acre-feet per annum of surface water, inclusive of a consumptive irrigation requirement (CIR) of 94.08 acre-feet per annum, from the Indian Lateral, with a point of diversion on the Rio Grande at the Angostura Diversion (SP-1690-2), on land owned by MRGCD, at a point where X = 363,856 meters and Y = 3,916,198 meters intersect, UTM Zone 13N, NAD 1983, for the irrigation of 44.8 acres of land, described as Southern Manor Estates on MRGCD Map 59, Lot 1 & Lots 5-23 of Block 1, and Lots 1-18 of Block 2, as designated on the plat of Corrected and Amended Southern Manor Estates, Document 95-054858 in Vol. 95c, Folio 198, Bernalillo County, NM, owned by Kathleen Mae Williams, Gerard Michael Mechenbier, John E. Mechenbier, Mark C. Mechenbier, and Jeffrey R. Mechenbier, located within Sections 1, 35, and 36, Township 8 and 9 North, Range 2 East, NMPM. The move-from lands are generally located 0.5-mile northeast of the intersection of Interstate 25 and NM Hwy 314, Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

The applicants further propose to temporarily commence the use of a farm delivery requirement (FDR) of 134.40 acre-feet per annum of groundwater, inclusive of consumptive irrigation requirement (CIR) of 94.08 acre-feet per annum, from three (3) existing, permitted wells owned by Mesa Verde Farms, LLC described as:

* * *. The move-to lands and wells are located on land owned by Mesa Verde Farms, LLC, and generally located west of Interstate 25 and east of the Belen High Line Canal. The north boundary is adjacent to Interstate 25 Exit 190, near Mile marker 190, and the south boundary is approximately 6 miles south of exit 190 near mile marker 196, Valencia County, New Mexico.

This application is filed under the Water-Use Leasing Act, NMSA 1978, §72-6-1 through §72-6-7, and is a temporary change. No new appropriation of water is sought by this application. Application is made for this permit that, if granted, would commence on March 1, 2026, and expire on February 28, 2027. Upon termination or expiration of the desired permit, the subject water right will automatically revert to the original move-from point of diversion, place, and purpose of use.

To view the application and supporting documentation, contact the State Engineer District 1 Office at (505) 383-4300, to arrange a date and time for an appointment. The District 1 Office is located at 5550 San Antonio Drive NE, Albuquerque, NM, 87109.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity asserting standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address). If the protest does not include the complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address, it may be deemed invalid and not accepted for filing unless Protestant provides with the protest an affidavit stating that it does not have one of the above-listed elements/requirements (phone number, mailing address, email address, etc.). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Detriment; if detriment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you shall be required to provide evidence showing how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 5550 San Antonio Dr., Albuquerque, NM 87109, on or before Friday, February 13, 2026. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest if the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer at (505) 383-4030. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Contact: Santiago Maestas, President maestasy@hotmail.com

BEFORE THE STATE ENGINEER
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF MESA VERDE FARMS, LLC, AND)
KATHLEEN MAE WILLIAMS, MIKE MECHENBIER,)
AND JON E. MECHENBIER ETAL.)
For Permit to Change Point of) Application No. SD-03108
Diversion and Place of Use of Surface Water) Into No. RG-10260 et al -T

**FORMAL PROTEST OF APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO
CHANGE POINT OF DIVERSION AND PLACE OF USE OF WATER**

COMES NOW, _____ hereby protests Applicants' above-cited application for permit to change point of diversion and place of use of water, for the following reasons.

A. Standing: I have standing to file this protest because pursuant to automatic standing to protest under §72-12-3(D) NMSA 1978. The Indian Lateral is fed from the Angostura diversion of the Rio Grande where the MRGCD diverts surface water from the Rio Grande for both the applicants and I.

B. Impairment of Water Rights: This transfer will substantially and specifically impair my water rights because it will reduce the available water supply as follows: The above application will transfer surface water from the Angostura diversion point to an underground place of diversion point, adversely affecting the availability and supply of water to the the South Valley of the County of Bernalillo due to a reduction in flow of water from our mutual point of diversion. This will be especially detrimental to me during times of shortage, which have occurred and will continue to occur in the future.

C. Detrimental to Public Welfare: This application will be detrimental to the public welfare because it will negatively impact MRGCD administration and operation of the MRGCD and degrade the historic cultural values and traditions of the acequia communities in the South Valley Regional Association of Acequias and the traditional cultural and religious practices of the Pueblo of Isleta. In addition, the loss of surface water rights in the area also negatively affects my property value and results in loss of agricultural lands which are subdivided and developed. The subdivisions and developments do not have any vested interest in maintaining acequias as they run through those properties and many acequia users are having to fight to ensure that these historic ditch rights are respected and not infringed upon as water rights are ultimately permanently lost through these so-called temporary transfers.

D. Contrary to Conservation of Water in the State of New Mexico: I have been working diligently to improve infrastructure with community cooperation of other users to improve efficiency and conserve water resources for the future. Removing water from our point of diversion to serve properties which have no Pre-1907 water rights and is already being irrigated by surface water from the MRGCD is wasteful and will result in less water being used beneficially in the MRGCD overall and specifically on the lands served by the Angostura diversion including my property.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the State Engineer deny the applicant's application to avoid impairment of my water right, the public welfare, and conservation of water in the State of New Mexico..

SUBMITTED BY:

Print Name _____

Signature _____

ADDRESS:

Albuquerque, NM _____

zip code _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

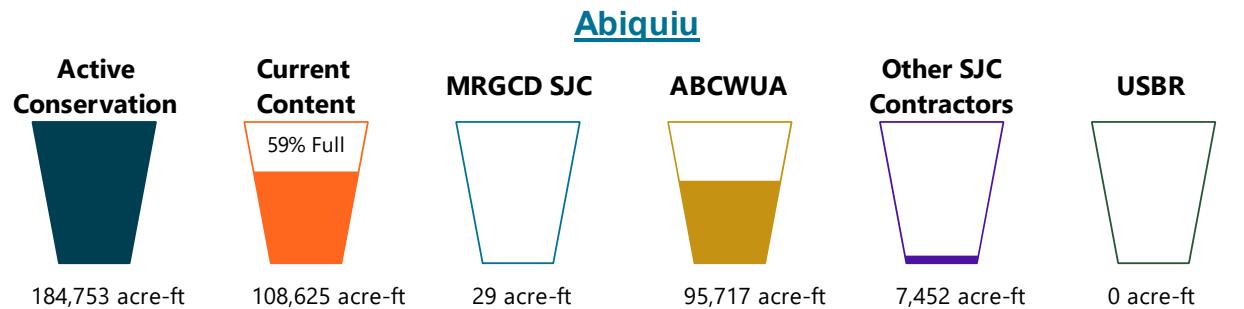
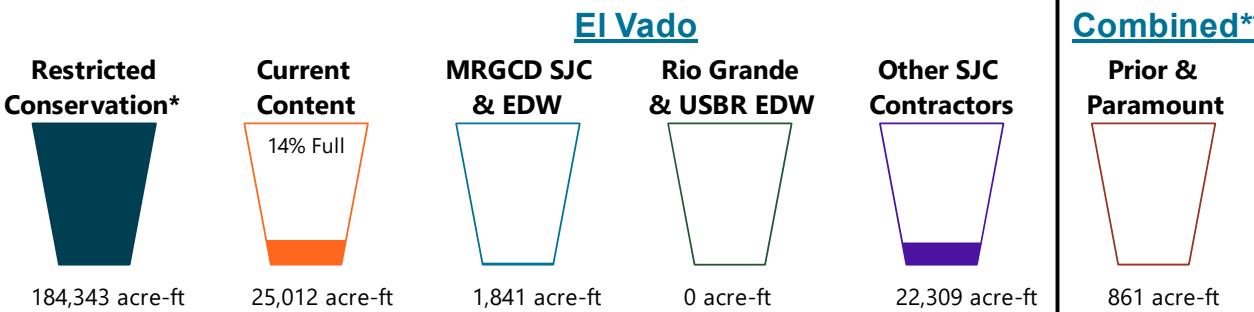
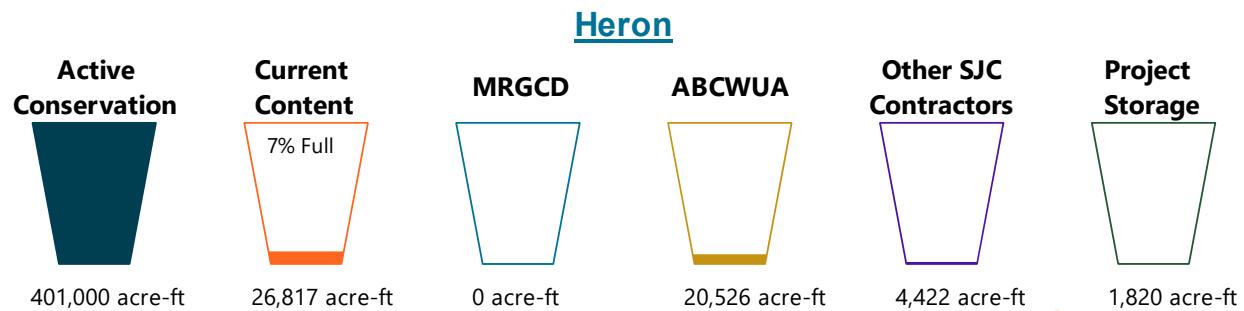
Appendix IV

Reservoir Storage Status

Jan 6, 2026 data



— BUREAU OF —
RECLAMATION



Cochiti

Current Content



Elephant Butte and Caballo

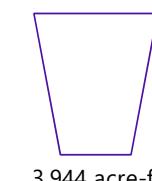
Active Conservation***



Combined Current Content



SJC Content****



* Currently restricted to 25,678 acre-ft.

** 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 acre-ft.

Total reservoir content may include incidental storage of water in transit.

MRGCD BOARD MEETING (1-7-2026)

1. Heron Summary

Content:	26,817	ac-ft	(1/7/2026)
Azotea Tunnel:	0	cfs	
Total SJ-C Inflow (2026):	0	ac-ft	
Currently Releasing:	30	cfs	
Current MRGCD Storage:	0	ac-ft	

2. El Vado Summary

Content:	25,012	ac-ft	(1/7/2026)
Rio Grande Storage:	861	ac-ft	
MRGCD SJ-C Storage:	1,841	ac-ft	
P&P:	861	ac-ft	
Other SJ-C Contractors:	22,310	ac-ft	
Current Release:	92	cfs	RG Inflow: 40 - 75 cfs

3. Abiquiu Summary

Content:	108,625	ac-ft	(1/7/2026)
MRGCD SJ-C Storage:	30	ac-ft	
P&P:	170	ac-ft	
Total Supplemental Water Released (2026):	0	ac-ft	

Total Precipitation for Water Year 2026 to 1/7 (% Median; NRCS SNOTEL)

Rio Chama Basin.....	81%
Upper Rio Grande Basin.....	63%
Sangre de Cristo Basin.....	71%
Jemez Basin.....	80%
San Juan River Basin.....	114%

Appendix V

CESOSS PLAN OF ACTION – 2025-26



JANUARY 12

CESOSS

Jorge Garcia, Director

www.cesoss.org



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the Center for Social Sustainable Systems (CESOSS) Plan of Action for 2025–2026. The plan outlines CESOSS's community-based initiatives focused on connecting residents of the Middle Rio Grande region to land and water traditions through education, outreach, and culturally grounded programming. Key activities during this period include the development of an Acequia Education and Agricultural Site at Valle Vista elementary, Acequia Walk and Talks, the Primera Agua event, and coordination of the Landmarks Project. These initiatives are implemented in collaboration with partners such as the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) and are aligned with culturally relevant educational goals, including those reflected in the Martinez-Yazzie mandate.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to document CESOSS activities and planned efforts for the 2025–2026 period. CESOSS is a community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and preserving land- and water-based ways of life in the Middle Rio Grande region of Albuquerque and surrounding communities. This Plan of Action reflects CESOSS’s commitment to education, cultural continuity, and community engagement as pathways for strengthening social sustainability and environmental stewardship.

KEY INITIATIVES AND ACTIVITIES

1.1. Valle Vista Acequia Education and Agricultural Site

CESOSS completed the development of an Acequia Education and Agricultural Site to support the MRGCD Outdoor Education Classroom and Family Resource Center. Activities in 2025 included site preparation, planting efforts in July and September, and the establishment of a cover crop in December. Planned activities for 2026 include a seed blessing in February and ongoing field maintenance in March and August. The site will serve as a venue for community events, teacher professional development, and youth-focused after-school programming. See Appendix A

1.2. Acequia Walk and Talks

CESOSS organized Acequia Walk and Talks at five primary acequias in the Atrisco area, with an average participation of approximately 25 community members per acequia. These events engaged residents from the South Valley, the North Valley, Valencia County, and Northern New Mexico. For 2026, CESOSS plans to invite local Comisionados to help lead these events, with potential participation from MRGCD staff to provide technical and historical context. See Appendix B

1.3. Primera Agua Event

The 2025 Primera Agua event was organized as a pre-celebration leading into the San Isidro festivities. Building on this foundation, CESOSS plans to invite community leaders from the Pueblo of Atlixco, Mexico, to engage in dialogue with the Atrisco community during the 2026 event, including the incorporation of a community ceremonial dance and celebration. See Appendix C

1.4. Landmarks Project

CESOSS is coordinating the Landmarks Project, which aims to install interpretive signage along the Pajarito Acequia to honor its historical, cultural, and agricultural significance. See Plan Attached.

LOGIC SNAPSHOT: (Activities → Outcomes → Community Benefit)

Activities

CESOSS implements community-based educational programming, including acequia site development, walk-and-talk events, cultural celebrations, youth education initiatives, and historical interpretation projects.

Short-Term Outcomes

Participants increase their understanding of acequia systems, local agricultural traditions, and water stewardship practices. Community members gain access to culturally relevant educational spaces and opportunities for intergenerational learning.

Intermediate Outcomes

Stronger relationships develop between community members, local institutions, and land- and water-based knowledge holders. Youth and families demonstrate increased engagement with land and water traditions.

Community Benefit (Long-Term)

Communities in the Middle Rio Grande region are better equipped to sustain agricultural practices, protect water resources, and preserve cultural knowledge systems that contribute to long-term social and environmental sustainability.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The 2025–2026 Plan of Action advances the CESOSS mission by strengthening community engagement and preserving cultural connections to land and water. The initiatives outlined in this report demonstrate strong community participation and alignment with regional land and water stewardship goals.

Recommendations include:

- Continuing collaboration with MRGCD on the Acequia Education and Agricultural Site and Acequia Walk and Talks.
- Advancing cultural exchange opportunities through the planned involvement of community leaders from the Pueblo of Atlixco and Atrisco in the Primera Agua event.
- Sustaining flexible, community-responsive programming that can adapt to emerging needs and opportunities.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

CESOSS activities during the 2025–2026 period directly support and complement the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District’s strategic priorities related to agricultural viability, water stewardship, public education, and community engagement within the District’s service area. CESOSS’s role is supportive and educational in nature and does not replace or duplicate MRGCD operational or regulatory responsibilities.

Priority 1: Preservation of Agricultural Lands and Traditional Irrigation Systems

CESOSS programming supports awareness and understanding of acequia systems as living infrastructure essential to agricultural sustainability in the Middle Rio Grande Valley. Through educational events, interpretive projects, and site-based learning, CESOSS helps reinforce the cultural and historical significance of traditional irrigation practices.

Aligned CESOSS Activities

- Acequia Education and Agricultural Site development and maintenance
- Acequia Walk and Talks
- Landmarks Project along the Pajarito Acequia

Priority 2: Water Stewardship and Ecosystem Resilience

CESOSS initiatives emphasize community knowledge of water systems, seasonal cycles, and stewardship practices that contribute to long-term ecosystem resilience. Educational content is framed to complement MRGCD’s technical expertise while remaining accessible and culturally grounded.

Aligned CESOSS Activities

- Public workshops and walk-and-talk events featuring historical and ecological context

- Outreach materials addressing land and water stewardship
- Collaboration with MRGCD staff when appropriate for technical information sharing

Priority 3: Public Education and Community Engagement

CESOSS serves as a community-based partner supporting MRGCD's goal of increasing public understanding of irrigation systems, water management, and agricultural practices. CESOSS focuses on relationship-building, culturally responsive outreach, and inclusive engagement.

Aligned CESOSS Activities

- Community workshops and forums
- School-based and youth-focused educational programming
- Cultural events such as Primera Agua that foster community dialogue

Priority 4: Youth Engagement and Future Generations of Farmers and Stewards

CESOSS programming introduces youth to land- and water-based knowledge systems in ways that support awareness, interest, and cultural continuity without establishing workforce or employment guarantees.

Aligned CESOSS Activities

- Acequia Education Program youth components
- After-school and curriculum-based outreach (e.g., Ciclos de la Tierra)
- Intergenerational learning opportunities at community events

MEASURABLE INDICATORS

The following indicators are intended for descriptive reporting purposes only. They document scope, reach, and engagement and are not intended to function as performance benchmarks, regulatory metrics, or outcome guarantees.

Activity-Level Indicators (Outputs)

- Number of community workshops, walk-and-talk events, or public forums conducted
 - Community Workshops: 2 Hybrid
 - Acequia Walks and Talks: 5 events with average of 25 attendees
 - ~ 7 acequia planning and envisioning meetings
- Number of educational or cultural events hosted or co-hosted

- Hosted 4 agricultural events (over 150 community members participated in these events)
- Co-hosted 1 Teachers network (20 teachers)
- Number of schools, community groups, or partner organizations engaged
 - 1 local school engaged in pilot project
 - 7 Partner organizations engaged
 - 7 Community groups engaged
- Development or maintenance milestones for educational sites or interpretive materials
 - 4 signs will be developed, along with community participation and the artist community

Participation and Outreach Indicators

- Estimated number of participants attending CESOSS-supported events
 - +25 per event with an impact of over five hundred individuals plus our online outreach community
- General participant demographics (e.g., youth, families, educators), reported in aggregate
 - Demographics: Youth, local families, local irrigators, and educators
- Geographic areas within the MRGCD service area reached through programming
 - CESOSS serves schools anywhere in the state with an emphasis on the Middle Rio Grande Region

Engagement and Learning Indicators

- CESOSS collect Participant feedback collected informally through discussions, sign-in sheets, or voluntary comments made through an online survey. Our community is interested in programming related to Acequias, food, and the outdoors.

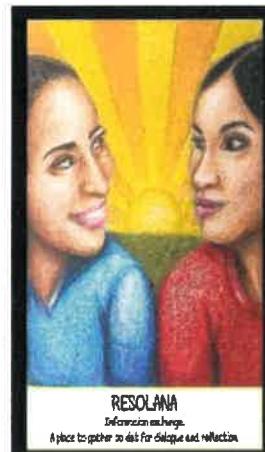
STATEMENT ON SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

CESOSS activities are educational and community-based in nature. While these efforts support broader goals related to agricultural sustainability and water stewardship, CESOSS does not engage in regulatory enforcement, land-use decision-making, or operational water management. Outcomes described in this report reflect community engagement and learning opportunities rather than guaranteed behavioral, economic, or environmental changes.

APPENDICES

Appendix A: Valle Vista Acequia Education and Agricultural Site

The Valle Vista Acequia Agricultural and Education Project is a collaborative, place-based initiative that transforms underutilized school land into a vibrant outdoor classroom. By integrating the Ciclos de la Tierra curriculum with traditional acequia knowledge, the project provides hands-on learning in agriculture, ecology, and cultural heritage for students at Valle Vista Elementary. This two-year program (2025-2026) will establish a sustainable model for community-engaged education, directly supporting academic standards, the Yazzie-Martinez mandate, and the preservation of South Valley traditions. Key activities include six seasonal events, the creation of a replicable Farming Manual, the development of a CSA program, educational workshops through the Valle Vista Family Resource Center and deep partnerships with local farms, acequia associations, and family networks





Appendix B: Acequia Walk and Talks



Appendix C: Primera Agua Event

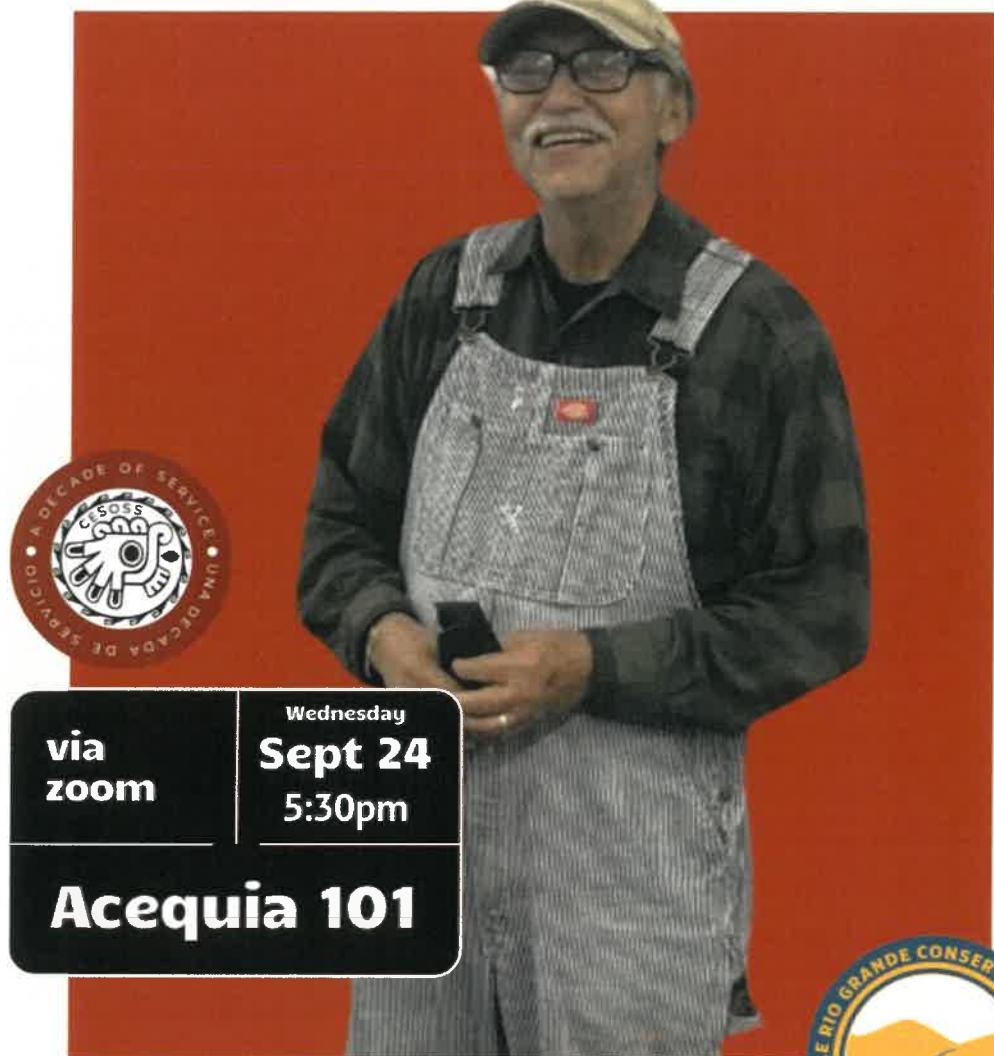


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Appendix D: Speakers Series

acequia speaker series

Santiago Maestas



via
zoom

Wednesday
Sept 24
5:30pm

Acequia 101



[cesoss_nm](https://www.instagram.com/cesoss_nm/)



[cesoss.org](https://www.cesoss.org)



Appendix E: Acequia Limpias 2025



Attachment 1: Landmarks Plan

Bosque Management Update

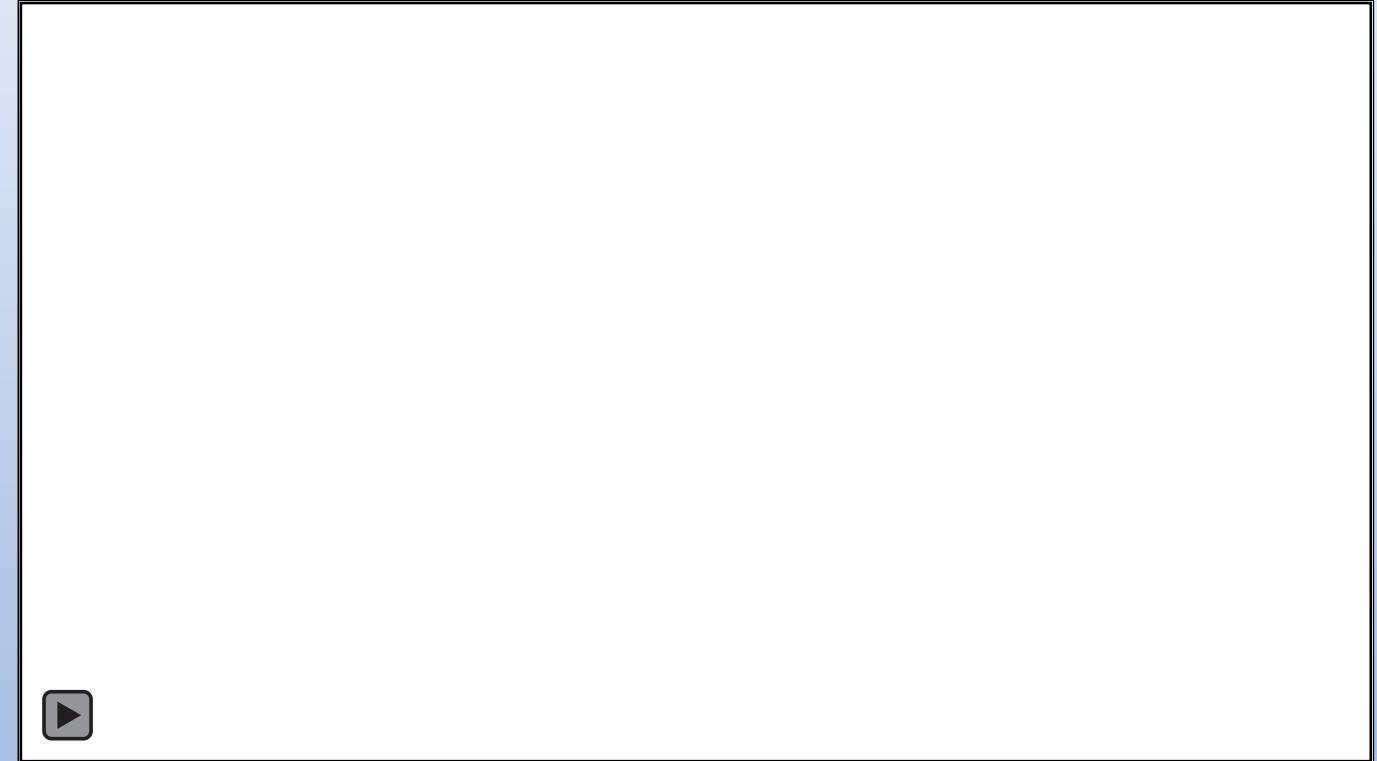
Fall/Winter 2025



- ❖ Big Hole Invasive Retreatment- 205 acres (EMNRD)
- ❖ Big Hole Goat Grazing- 5 acres
- ❖ Big Hole Invasive Treatment and Dead and Down Removal- 17 acres
- ❖ New Belen Bridge Woodchip Removal- 18 acres
- ❖ New Belen Outfall Invasive Treatment- 65 Acres
- ❖ San Francisco Outfall Invasive Removal- 140 acres



Big Hole South





Big Hole Year 3 Restoration Progress



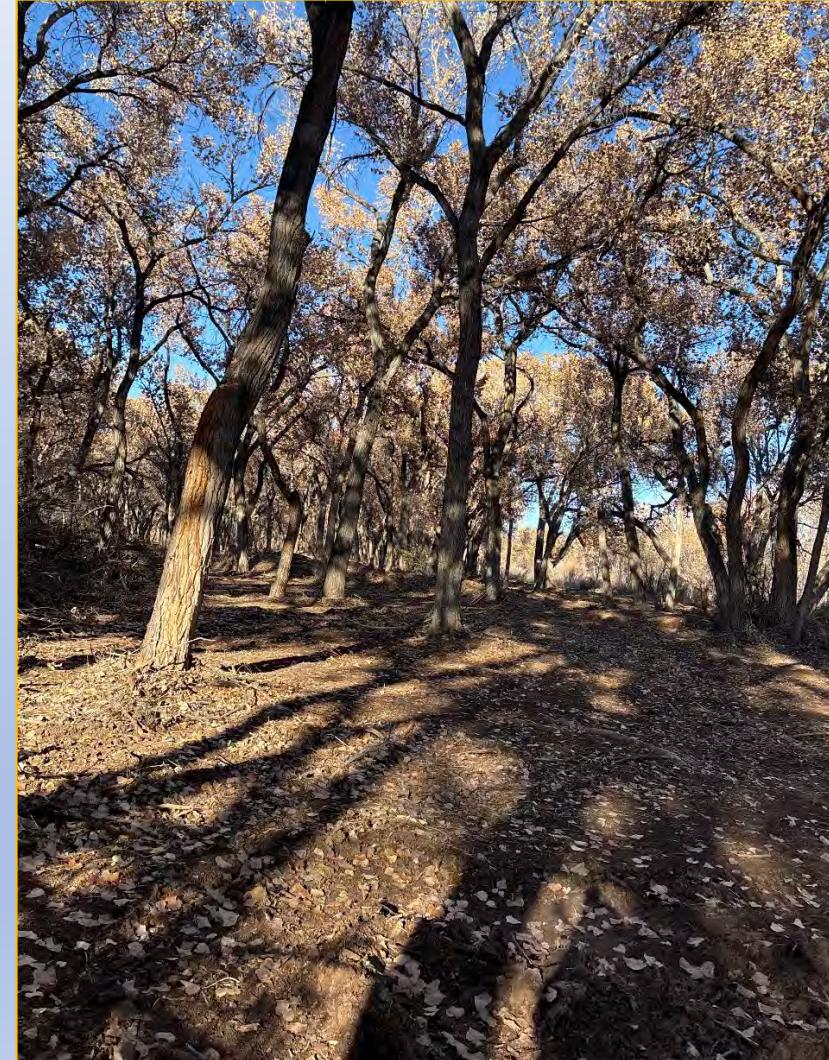
Habitat is returning to native coyote willow, New Mexico olive, and diverse grasses after three years of treatment that included snag removal, chipping, and herbicide application.



New Belen Outfall Invasive Removal



Pre and Post Treatment



Pre and Post Treatment



San Francisco Outfall Invasive Removal



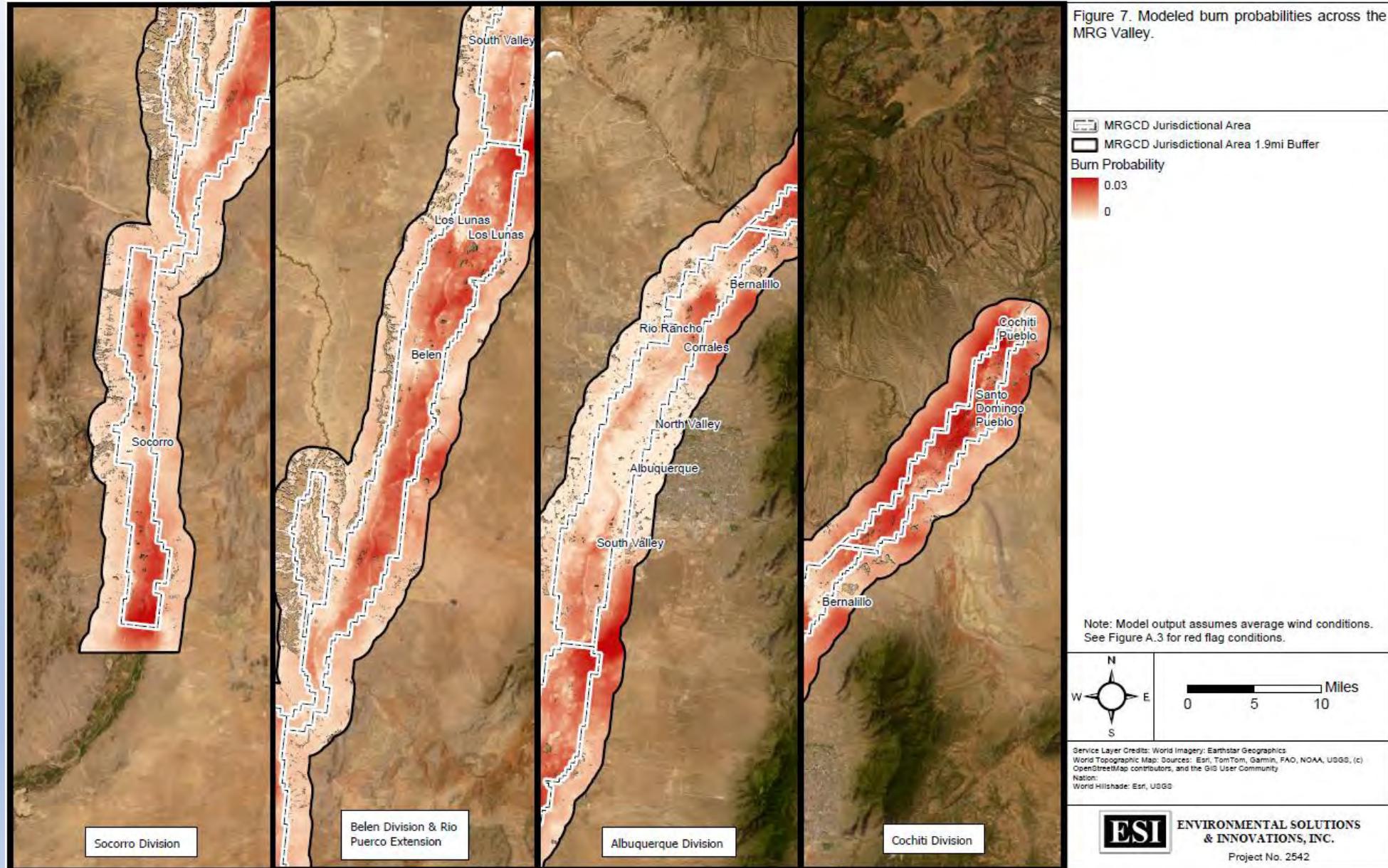
Treatment in Progress



Hand crews will protect native vegetation



Modeled Burn Probability by Division





Questions



'25/'26 Off-Season Construction Update

January 12, 2025

Presented by:
Engineering Department



Overview

Off-Season Construction Projects:

- A. Socorro Main Canal Channel Lining Phase IIB
- B. Belen Highline Canal Overflow Structure #2
- C. Low-Flow Conveyance Channel Phase 2
- D. Corrales Siphon Replacement Project
- E. Loretta Road/ Acequia Madre Grant Project
- F. Feeder 3 Transmission Line Phase 1
- G. Division Projects



Socorro Main Canal Channel Lining Phase IIB

Funding Source: WTB

Consultant Services: Wilson & Co. -
\$287,495.50

Construction: Sanchez Demolition -
\$6,878,359.05 (Including NMGRT)

- Contract time: 150 Calendar Days
- Progress
 - Currently lined 0.6 miles with concrete canvas
 - All turnouts, headwalls installed gates should be installed this week.
 - New Concrete Check structures and weir installed, waiting on gates.
- Look Ahead
 - Finish Installing Concrete Canvas
 - Install Shotcrete channel sections





Belen Highline Canal Overflow Structure #2

Funding Source: Fund Reserves
Consultant Services: BHI - \$85,102
Construction: Lopez Precision LLC. -
\$1,074,065.61 (Including NMGRT)

- Progress
 - Lopez Precision has finished shaping the channel
 - Currently finishing Shaping steps for overflow
- Look Ahead
 - Will be receiving rebar this week, and will start tying rebar in the channel section
 - Start pouring shotcrete in 2 weeks





Low-Flow Conveyance Channel Phase 2

Funding Source: ARPA

Consultant Services: Wilson & Co.

Construction: CF Padilla LLC-

\$6,209,717.50 (Including NMGRT)

- Progress
 - Funds Expended: 92% as of 12/15/25
 - Completion: January 15, 2026





Corrales Siphon Replacement Project

Funding Source: WTB

Consultant Services: Wilson & Co. - \$996,927.19

Construction: Compass Engineering - \$7,727,166.50

- Contract Times – 390 Calendar Days
- Tentative Schedule 3 Week Lookahead
 - Installation of turnouts
 - Installation of temporary crossings for access/turnaround
 - Installation of 48" Overflow Pipe
 - Borrow Sta. 93+00 to 95+55
 - Installation of 68" Conductor Casing
- Progress
 - Funds Expended: 9%
 - Contract Time Used: 11%



Loretta Road/Acequia Madre Grant Projects

Funding Source: Capital Outlay, Capital Development Program

Consultant Services: BHI

Partner Agencies: Bernalillo County, NMDOT

- Finalize Coordination with Stakeholders
- Advertise: January 15, 2026
- Contract Times: 160 Calendar Days, tentative signal lead time



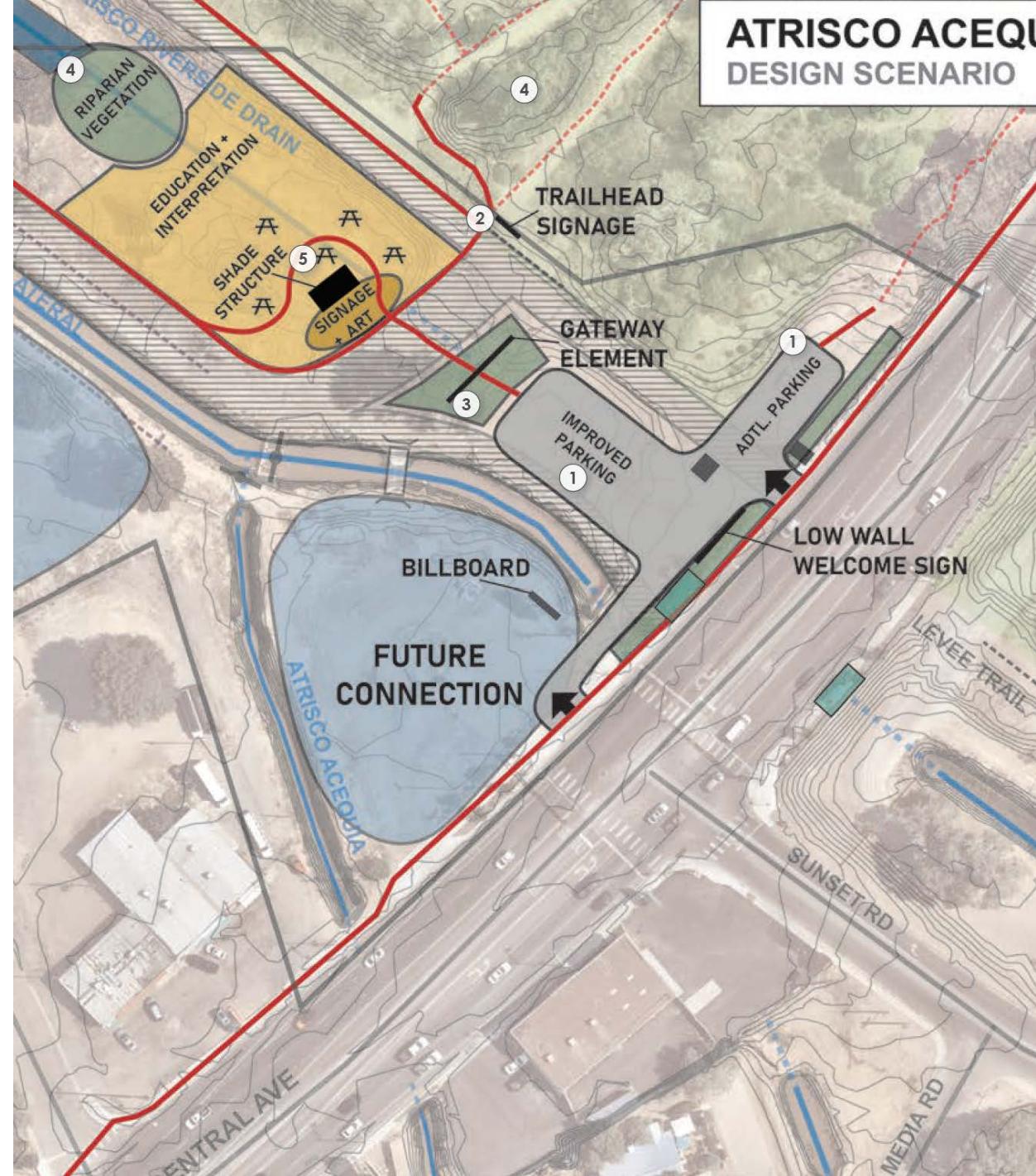
Loretta Road/Acequia Madre Grant Projects

Funding Source: Capital Outlay

Consultant Services: BHI

Partner Agencies: Bernalillo County, City of Albuquerque Open Space

- Contributed funding in 2024 for design up to 65%
- Bernalillo County is funding design to 100%
- Acequia Madre planned for completion in January 2026
 - CBC extension March 2026



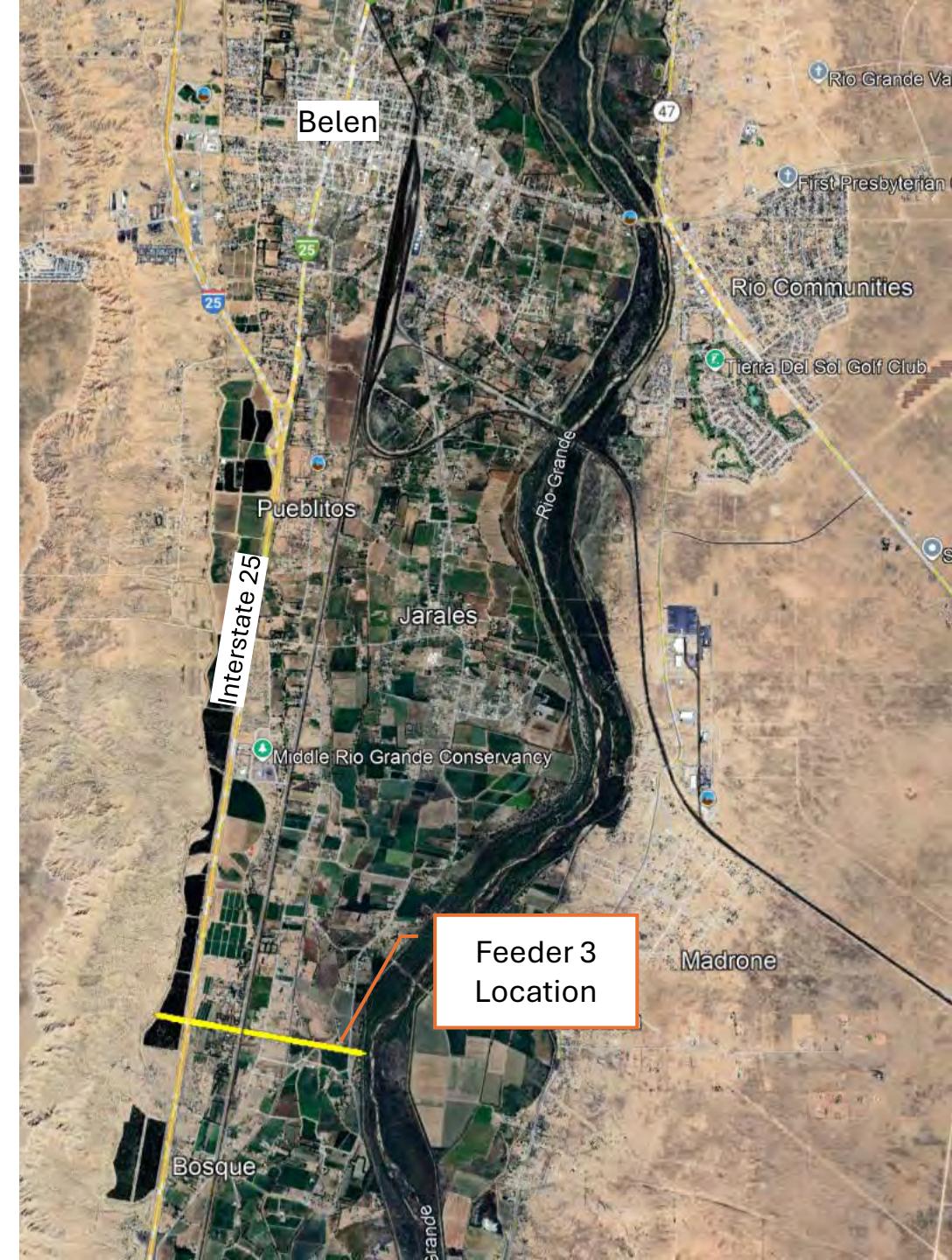
Feeder 3 Transmission Line Phase 1

Funding Source: WTB

Consultant Services: BHI - \$286,732.37

Construction: AUI. Inc. - \$3,932,831.60 (w/NMGRT)

- Tentative Schedule
 - NTP – January 19, 2026
 - Permitting and Submittals – January 2026
 - Contract Times – 180 Calendar Days



Division Projects

- Cochiti
 - Culvert replacement in Cochiti East Main Canal
- Albuquerque
 - Tribal Road 7 Culvert Crossing Replacement
 - Riverside Drain Maintenance
- Belen
 - New Belen Wasteway Rehabilitation
 - Peralta Main Check 13
 - Garcia Extension Acequia New Check
- Socorro
 - Culvert Crossings Installations







QUESTIONS?



Appendix VIII

Director Russo Baca Board Reports December 2025

Report on the Farmers for Future Farmers Meeting, December 9, 2025, January 6 & 9, 2026

This meeting is open to the public and usually occurs on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 pm at 3211 Highway 47, Los Lunas, NM 87031. Just to recap, at the November meeting, the topic of how the organization can better assist local farmers came up. It was discussed that providing more resources and information to everyone would benefit everyone. The organization has decided to launch an informational series and will bring a new topic to each of our meetings. At the December 9th meeting, the organization had Sam Ruhala from Biomimetic Soil Solutions present. The January 6 meeting was a presentation by Jason Casuga regarding the Bureau of Reclamation Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Lower San Acacia Reach Improvements Project (LSARI). The meeting on January 9th discussed farm delivery requirements versus consumptive use and the possibility of forming a farmers' advisory committee within the irrigation committee.

Report on the Valencia County Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meetings December 18 and 31, 2025

Director Russo Baca gave the MRGCD partner reports to the VCSWCD, including the MRGCD 2025 irrigation season wrap-up newsletter: <https://www.mrgcd.com/2025/12/22/2025-irrigation-season-wrap-up-e-newsletter/> and the upcoming informational meetings: <https://www.mrgcd.com/2025/12/12/save-the-date-jan-26-farmers-irrigators-meetings/>.

Report on the MRGCD/ OSE/ ISC Compact Discussion, December 10, 2025

MRGCD board members and staff met with the State Engineer and Interstate Stream Commission Director, as well as OSE and ISC staff, to proactively discuss the State of New Mexico's compact debt and how best to convey water in the upcoming irrigation season to ensure water deliveries are done most efficiently to Elephant Butte Reservoir.

Report on the NM ISC Meeting, December 11, 2025

Full report and agenda can be found here: <https://www.ose.nm.gov/ISC/>

WORK AREA OVERVIEWS WATER OPERATIONS AND RESERVOIR UPDATES

Rio Grande Compact Status – New Mexico's cumulative Compact debit status is 124,000 acre-feet. According to provisional data through November 15, Usable Water in Project Storage (native Rio Grande water in Elephant Butte and Caballo, excluding San Juan Chama Project (SJCP) and credit water) was about 103,000 acre-feet. Article VII restrictions remain in place (no upstream storage in post-1929 reservoirs when Usable Water in Elephant Butte and Caballo is less than 400,000 acre-feet).

Elephant Butte and Caballo Reservoirs and Usable Water – Provisional data indicate that storage of all water in Elephant Butte Reservoir was 100,000 acre-feet as of November 15. The area around Caballo Dam and Reservoir received excessive rainfall from September 19-21. This caused sediment from adjacent arroyos to block the Rio Grande channel partially and resulted in either flow or backwater near

the gage below the Dam. This caused an unexpected increase in flow at the gage, which falsely appeared to be a release from the Dam. Reclamation cleared the sediment in November and has corrected the flow record.

RIVER CHANNEL CONVEYANCE AND BOSQUE MANAGEMENT PROJECTS NMISC, Reclamation, and MRGCD staff are collaborating on several projects along the Middle Rio Grande designed to improve conveyance of water and sediment and to improve deliveries to Elephant Butte. Major projects include: River Mile (RM) 163 and RM 161 channel widening projects (in the Isleta Reach), Lower San Acacia Reach Improvements (LSARI) river channel realignment (between Bosque del Apache Refuge and the Elephant Butte Delta), and Elephant Butte Delta river channel realignment. MRGCD is actively conducting vegetation management in the Isleta Reach with funding from the NMISC.

LEGAL UPDATE Texas v. New Mexico and Colorado, No. 141 Original in the United States Supreme Court The parties are still awaiting the Special Master Report and Recommendation, which is anticipated to be submitted to the US Supreme Court by the end of 2025 or in early 2026. The Supreme Court will likely make the decision in 2026 whether to accept the Joint Motion to Dismiss and the Report and Recommendation and decide whether to enter the Decree supporting the Rio Grande Compact. The NM Department of Justice is leading the legal effort for New Mexico.

Report on the SVRAA Comisionado Meeting, January 5, 2026

Discussion of how the SVRAA can be proactive in reviewing water rights transfers and filing water rights transfer protests, as well as an overview of water law 101.

Report on the Valencia County Commission Meeting, January 7, 2025

Director Russo Baca attended the Valencia County Commission Meeting to give the MRGCD's public statement on the Valencia County tax bill issue, stating that the MRGCD is aware of concerns from Valencia County residents regarding recent property tax bills. MRGCD does not prepare or issue property tax bills and is not involved in the billing process. Any inquiries received by MRGCD have been referred to the Valencia County Treasurer's Office. The MRGCD's current Mill Rate: Tax year 2025, Residential 6.069, and Non-Residential 7.333.

Report on the Bureau of Reclamation Public Comment Meetings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Lower San Acacia Reach Improvements Project (LSARI) January 7 & 8, 2026

The Bureau of Reclamation is seeking public input on the **Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)** for the **Lower San Acacia Reach Improvements Project (LSARI)**.

The 45-day public comment period is open from **November 28, 2025**, through **January 12, 2026**.

Reclamation held two public comment meetings as follows:

- **January 7, 2026, from 5 to 7 p.m. MT** at the Erna Fergusson Public Library, 3700 San Mateo Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM, 87110.
- **January 8, 2026, from 5 to 7 p.m. MT** at the Socorro Public Library, 401 Park St, Socorro, NM, 87801.

Reclamation will evaluate all comments received and consider substantive comments in the Final EIS, to be completed in 2026.

Comments can be submitted during the above in-person meetings, through the virtual public meeting room <https://www.virtualpublicmeeting.com/lsari-eis>, via email to bor-sha-ao-lsari@usbr.gov, or by postal mail. Written comments can be sent to Attn: Lower San Acacia Reach EIS, David (Sonny) Cooper, Project Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, 555 Broadway Blvd. NE, Suite 100, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

All public comments must be submitted/postmarked by **January 12, 2026**.

For more information on the **LSARI EIS**, please see the attached newsletter, visit the project website here: [LSARI EIS](#), or contact David (Sonny) Cooper, Project Manager (bor-sha-ao-lsari@usbr.gov).

Report on the MRGCD's Sandoval County Farmers & Irrigators Informational Meeting, January 8, 2026

This was an informational meeting discussing the outlook for the 2026 irrigation season, followed by a question-and-answer session. This meeting was well attended by MRGCD staff and the public, and there were many good questions about what to expect for the upcoming season.

Appendix IX





























MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors

Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer

From: Casey Ish, Director of Lands and Conservation

Date: February 3, 2026

Re: Consideration/Approval of Executed Licenses for January 2026

Summary: *MRGCD EXECUTED the following licenses for January 2026.*

1. **115-2025** – License with Avanzando, LLC. to install and maintain a 57' x 120' bridge structure crossing within the Isleta Interior Drain right-of-way.
2. **116-2025** – License with Avanzando, LLC. to install and maintain a 10' to 12' wide asphalt trail on the east side of the Isleta Interior Drain right-of-way.
3. **117-2025** – License with Avanzando, LLC. to install and maintain an 18" stormwater discharge pipe with a maximum quantity of 9 CFS into the Isleta Interior Drain right-of-way.
4. **248-2025** – Special Use License with NM Underground Utilities, Inc. to discharge groundwater from dewatering operations into the Atrisco and Albuquerque Riverside Drains and Barr Main Canal per A301001 Rio Bravo Bridge Replacement ABCWUA Utility Project.

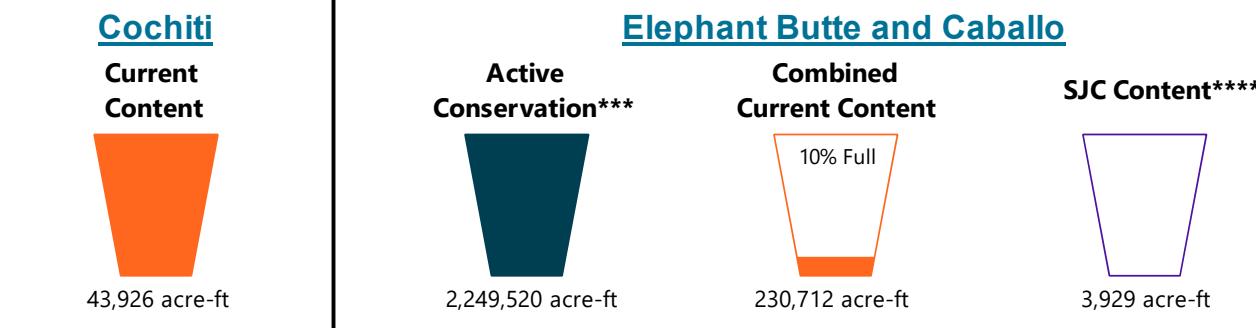
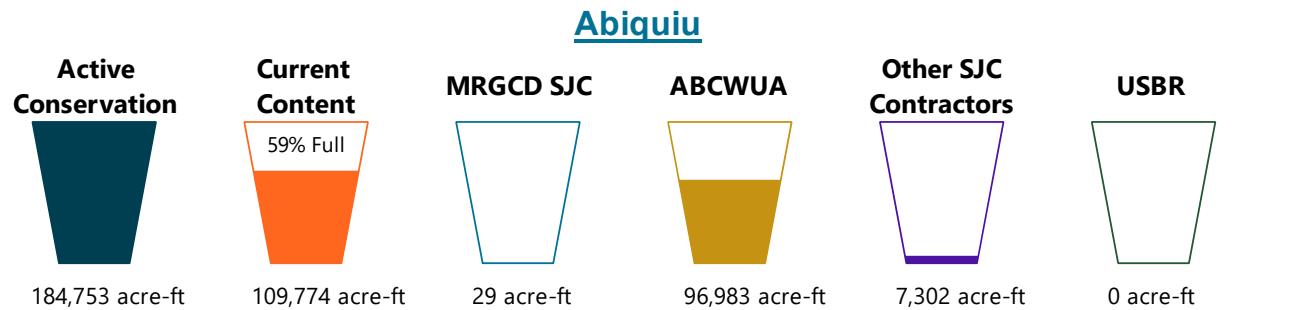
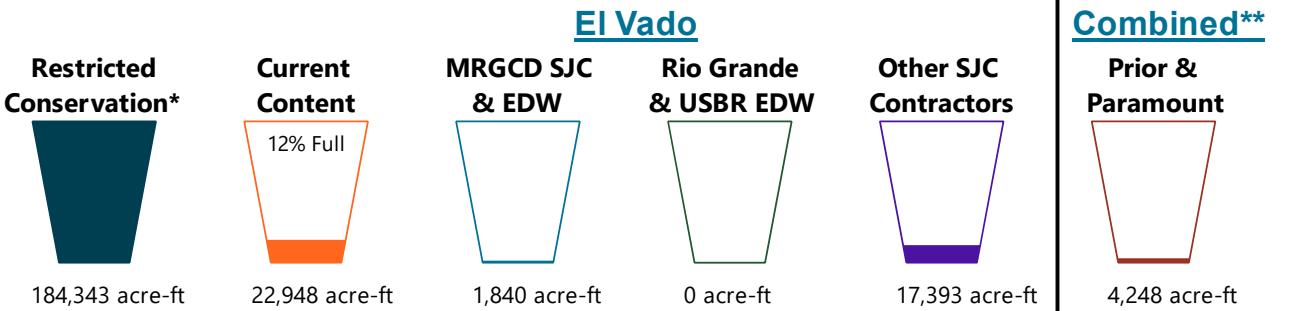
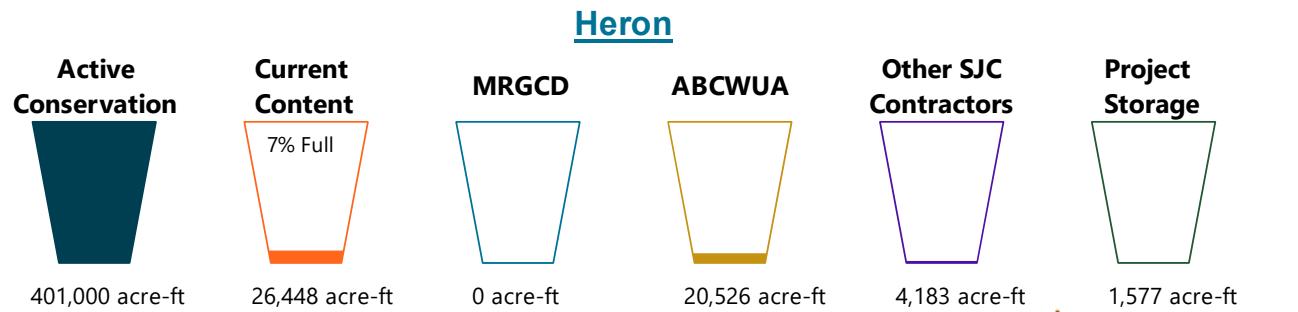
Reservoir Storage Status

Feb 3, 2026 data



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* Currently restricted to 25,678 acre-ft.

** 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 acre-ft.

Total reservoir content may include incidental storage of water in transit.

MRGCD BOARD MEETING (2-4-2026)

1. Heron Summary

Content:	26,448	ac-ft	(2/4/2026)
Azotea Tunnel:	0	cfs	
Total SJ-C Inflow (2026):	0	ac-ft	
Currently Releasing:	0	cfs	
Current MRGCD Storage:	0	ac-ft	

2. El Vado Summary

Content:	22,948	ac-ft	(2/4/2026)
Rio Grande Storage:	3,715	ac-ft	
MRGCD SJ-C Storage:	1,840	ac-ft	
P&P:	3,715	ac-ft	
Other SJ-C Contractors:	17,393	ac-ft	
Current Release:	93	cfs	RG Inflow: 40 - 75 cfs

3. Abiquiu Summary

Content:	109,774	ac-ft	(2/4/2026)
MRGCD SJ-C Storage:	30	ac-ft	
P&P:	534	ac-ft	
Total Supplemental Water Released (2026):	0	ac-ft	

Current Snow Water Equivalent for Water Year 2026 to 2/4 (% Median; NRCS SNOTEL)

Rio Chama Basin.....	59%
Upper Rio Grande Basin.....	50%
Sangre de Cristo Basin.....	44%
Jemez Basin.....	31%
San Juan River Basin.....	43%

- Storage of native inflow into both El Vado and Abiquiu Reservoirs for the prior and paramount lands of the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos began on January 1, 2026. Total storage is now about 4,249 ac-ft.



MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors

Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer

From: Richard DeLoia, Chief Procurement Officer

Date: January 29, 2026

Re: Consideration/Approval – Atrisco Acequia Madre Project Phase 1

Summary: MRGCD staff is requesting approval of the Atrisco Acequia Madre Project Phase 1. MRGCD has entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Bernalillo County for improvements to the Atrisco Acequia Lateral and surrounding areas.

Staff Recommendation: MRGCD Staff is recommending award to Lopez Precision LLC for the Atrisco Acequia Madre Project Phase 1 in the amount of \$207,823.88 including NMGRT at 7.6250%. This project will be awarded per MRGCD Infrastructure Contractors On Call Contracts obtained through the Request for Proposals process in 2025.

VENDOR	PROJECT TOTAL	TOTAL WITH NMGRT
LOPEZ PRECISION LLC	\$193,100.00	\$207,823.88



Acequia Madre Project
Quote
Lopez Precision, LLC
92 Dark Canyon Rd/PO Box 1040, Magdalena NM 87825
1/23/26

Scope of Work

Review approved plans, details, and notes prior to beginning work.
Coordinate construction activities, access, and sequencing with MRGCD representatives.
Mobilize labor, equipment, materials
Perform excavation necessary for installation of the box culvert extension and associated structural elements.
Protect existing culvert structure and adjacent features during excavation operations.
Manage excavated materials and backfill in compliance with project requirements.
Prepare subgrade and leveling surfaces as required for cast-in-place (CIP) construction
Furnish, install and remove formwork for CIP concrete box culvert (CBC) extension
Tie new CIP culvert section to existing culvert structure per plan details
Seal joints and interfaces as required to ensure structural integrity and hydraulic performance.
Construct headwall and wingwall structures as shown on the approved plans.
Install reinforcing steel, formwork, and place structural concrete in accordance with specifications.
Place, finish, cure and protect reinforced concrete for : CBC extension, connection to existing culvert, headwalls, wing walls
Backfill around the culvert, headwall, and wingwalls using approved materials.
Compact backfill as required
Restore disturbed areas immediately adjacent to the structure to match surrounding grades
Provide excavation equipment, compaction equipment, and associated support equipment required to safely complete the work.
Remove temporary materials and equipment upon completion of work.
Perform final cleanup within the structural work area.
Coordinate final inspection and acceptance with MRGCD.

Exclusions:

Dewatering systems beyond incidental water management

Pricing	\$193,100.00
Subtotal	\$193,100.00
NMGRT 7.6250%	\$14,723.88
Total	\$207,823.88

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ATRISCO ACEQUIA MADRE MASTER PLAN

DECEMBER · 2023



PARTNERS



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THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 10th day of December, 2020 by and among the County of Bernalillo (“COUNTY”), a political subdivision of the State of New Mexico, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (“MRGCD”), a political subdivision of the State of New Mexico, and the City of Albuquerque (“CITY”), a municipal corporation, and the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (“ABCWUA”), a political subdivision of the State of New Mexico, each individually referred to as “PARTY” and collectively referred to as the “PARTIES”.

RECITALS:

1. **WHEREAS**, the MRGCD operates, maintains and manages two facilities known as the “Atrisco Lateral” and the Atrisco “Acequia” that are located throughout the northwestern and southwestern quadrants of the City of Albuquerque and originate in the general area of Atrisco Drive and 40th Street NW, each as more specifically shown and identified on the 2019 MRGCD property map atlas page 38 and page 39+, attached hereto as **Exhibit A and Exhibit B**, and made a part hereof.
2. **WHEREAS**, the COUNTY, MRGCD, the CITY, and ABCWUA desire to work collaboratively to protect and enhance the Atrisco Lateral and the Atrisco Acequia to preserve these resources and educate our communities about the acequia culture in the Middle Rio Grande Valley (the “Atrisco Acequia Project”); and
3. **WHEREAS**, the MRGCD’s Atrisco Lateral and Atrisco Acequia are significant water conveyance facilities providing water for irrigation and agriculture in the South Valley of Bernalillo County; and

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4. **WHEREAS**, the COUNTY, the CITY, and ABCWUA desire to work with the MRGCD to develop this Atrisco Acequia Project as a multi-use corridor, to include where feasible, but not be limited to, multi-use trails, native landscaping, access control, nodal parks, ditch “street” trees, educational and recreational opportunities that promote the importance of the acequias and acequia culture; and
5. **WHEREAS**, Neighborhood, public and stakeholder input on these proposed uses and their proposed locations is necessary for broad public acceptance of improvements to the Atrisco Lateral and Atrisco Acequia; and
6. **WHEREAS**, the COUNTY and MRGCD have adopted companion resolutions allocating \$25,000 each for the purpose of developing a conceptual site plan for the Atrisco Acequia and surrounding area; and
7. **WHEREAS**, the CITY and ABCWUA have committed to matching funds and/or in kind services to the Atrisco Acequia Project; and
8. **WHEREAS**, the proposed uses must be carefully coordinated with MRGCD operational and maintenance requirements such that the primary function of the Atrisco Lateral and Atrisco Acequia and adjacent MRGCD facilities within that right of way are not compromised, and such that appropriate locations for the other proposed uses can be identified for use by the COUNTY, the CITY, and ABCWUA in the design of future multi-use amenities, and public access for education and recreation; and
9. **WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest for the PARTIES to jointly participate in the planning, study and design of the Atrisco Acequia Project (the “Conceptual Site Plan”) to allow for a deliberate and comprehensive evaluation of the multi-use opportunities (as further detailed and attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit C** the “Outline Scope of

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Services") and to establish respective footprints for further improvements within and adjacent to this major MRGCD facility.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PROMISES AND COVENANTS
CONTAINED HEREIN, THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION ONE: The PARTIES agree and confirm that purpose of this Agreement is to:

- 1.1. Provide the contractual mechanisms among the PARTIES to procure, conduct, and accept the Conceptual Site Plan for the Atrisco Acequia Project ("Project").
- 1.2. Provide that the COUNTY will be the lead agency in the procurement and conduct of the Conceptual Site Plan, while allowing full participation by the MRGCD, the CITY, and ABCWUA, with full and appropriate input from the public and other stakeholders.
- 1.3. Provide that the MRGCD, the CITY, and ABCWUA shall provide funding to the COUNTY of up to Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) and/or appropriate in-kind services of equal value by each for the cost of completing the Conceptual Site Plan.
- 1.4. Provide for the neighborhood and public outreach, planning, studies, conceptual designs, and public meetings for the Conceptual Site Plan, which shall be completed by the COUNTY via the COUNTY's on-call planning services agreement(s).
- 1.5. Provide for MRGCD to accept the results of the Conceptual Site Plan as the basis for approval and licensure of the identified components within the MRGCD right of way, subject to reasonable review and approval of final engineering or landscape plans by the other PARTIES.

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SECTION TWO: The COUNTY agrees to:

- 2.1 Be the lead agency for the Conceptual Site Plan, including procurement of the required services through the COUNTY's use of its on-call planning services agreement(s).
- 2.2 The scope of services will include as Phase One, all necessary elements to complete the Conceptual Site Plan in accordance with the outlined scope of services attached as Exhibit C to this Agreement. The COUNTY may, at its option, negotiate the fee for Phase Two services, which will include design of selected improvements as evaluated in the Phase One Conceptual Site Plan. Upon completion of the Phase One, the parties may cooperatively identify the funding for Phase II and enter into a separate agreement.
- 2.3 Allow MRGCD, the CITY, and ABCWUA to review, comment on, concur with, or propose amendments necessary for their concurrence with, the Phase One scope of services for the Conceptual Site Plan. The COUNTY shall negotiate with its selected on-call planning services firm to develop the necessary professional services task order to conduct the consultant services, with the understanding that respective funding from MRGCD, the CITY, and ABCWUA funding is limited to Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) each, or one fourth of the professional services agreement for the Phase One task(s), whichever is less, for a total not to exceed fee of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) including applicable gross receipts tax.
- 2.4 Allow the MRGCD, the CITY, and ABCWUA to review, comment on, concur with, or propose amendments necessary for their concurrence with, the Phase One scope of services for the Conceptual Site Plan, prior to approving the professional services assignment with the selected on-call consultant.

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- 2.5 Administer the contract for development of the Conceptual Site Plan and professional services task order with the selected consultant (herein referred to as the "Consultant") and issue a Notice to Proceed to the Consultant. The COUNTY shall be responsible for issuance of any amendments within the original scope of the Conceptual Site Plan deemed necessary or desirable by the COUNTY, provided, however, that the COUNTY shall advise and accept suggestions from the other PARTIES.
- 2.6 Include the MRGCD, the CITY, and ABCWUA as additional named insureds by the Consultant, in the same amounts as required by the COUNTY for the Conceptual Site Plan.
- 2.7 Allow full participation by the MRGCD, the CITY, and ABCWUA, with appropriate input from the public and other stakeholders during development of the Conceptual Site Plan. The COUNTY will coordinate and form a project technical review team with qualified staff from each the COUNTY, MRGCD, the CITY, and ABCWUA to advise, direct, review, and approve the various concepts and deliverables prepared during the conduct of the Conceptual Site Plan. The COUNTY will also coordinate with MRGCD, the CITY, and ABCWUA to develop a public involvement process with appropriate participation from adjacent neighborhoods, trail users, advocacy groups and other relevant representation, to advise, review, and distribute the various concepts prepared during the conduct of the Conceptual Site Plan.
- 2.8 The COUNTY and its Consultant will make regular briefings to the MRGCD Board of Directors, the CITY, and ABCWUA during conduct of the Conceptual Site Plan, with the frequency and timing to be concurred to by each PARTY during development of the Phase One scope of services for the Conceptual Site Plan.
- 2.9 Keep a strict accounting of the funds received and disbursed under the terms of this AGREEMENT, and upon request, make such available to the other PARTIES. In the event of any remainder of funds received from MRGCD, the CITY, and/or ABCWUA, the

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COUNTY shall reimburse all excess funds to MRGCD, the CITY, and/or ABCWUA in direct proportion to the total amount received from each PARTY.

- 2.10 If after negotiations, the cost of Phase 1 exceeds that by less than 10%, the County will provide that funding under the condition that the parties agree to credit the County that amount when determining funding contributions for Phase 2. If the negotiated amount exceeds 10%, the parties will determine to proceed, reduce scope or jointly identify the necessary funding.
- 2.11 Coordinate any requests for contract amendments and/or scope changes by MRGCD, the CITY, and ABCWUA with all PARTIES and will not approve any scope additions or amendments until cost-share funding is identified and received by the COUNTY.
- 2.12 Coordinate with MRGCD, the CITY, and ABCWUA as appropriate, as to engineering design of any selected elements from the Conceptual Site Plan.

SECTION THREE: MRGCD agrees to:

- 3.1 Contribute funding in the amount of one fourth of the COUNTY's professional services task order for the Phase One MASTER PLAN task(s), not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00). MRGCD shall issue payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice from the COUNTY, with invoice to be sent any time after issuance of the Consultant's professional services task order by the COUNTY.
- 3.3 Provide survey information, land status, GIS shape files and other related information to the COUNTY Consultant for use in the Conceptual Site Plan.
- 3.4 Review all concepts and deliverables produced by the COUNTY Consultant during development of the Conceptual Plan in a timely manner.

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- 3.5 Designate qualified staff to attend and participate as needed at all public meetings, design charrettes and other forums where the Conceptual Site Plan is being discussed.
- 3.6 Upon adoption of the Conceptual Site Plan by the MRGCD Board of Directors, use the Conceptual Site Plan as the basis for component type, location, approval, and licensure of the identified components within the MRGCD right of way, subject to reasonable review and approval of final engineering and/or landscape plans.

SECTION FOUR: The CITY agrees to:

- 4.1 Contribute funding in the amount of one fourth of the COUNTY's professional services task order for the Phase One Conceptual Site Plan task(s), not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00). City shall issue payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice from the COUNTY, with invoice to be sent any time after issuance of the Consultant's professional services task order by the COUNTY.
- 4.3 Provide relevant information from other CITY planning documents, drainage management plans, and other related information to the COUNTY Consultant for use in the Conceptual Site Plan.
- 4.4 Review all concepts and deliverables produced by the COUNTY Consultant during development of the Conceptual Site Plan in a timely manner.
- 4.5 Designate qualified staff to attend and participate as needed at all public meetings, design charrettes and other forums where the Conceptual Site Plan is being discussed.

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4.6 Coordinate with MRGCD, the COUNTY, and ABCWUA as to the engineering and/or landscape design of any selected elements from the Conceptual Site Plan.

SECTION FIVE: ABCWUA agrees to:

- 5.1 Contribute funding in the amount of one fourth of the COUNTY's professional services task order for the Phase One Conceptual Site Plan task(s), not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00). ABCWUA shall issue payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice from the COUNTY, with invoice to be sent any time after issuance of the Consultant's professional services task order by the COUNTY.
- 5.3 Provide relevant information from other ABCWUA planning documents, drainage management plans, and other related information to the COUNTY Consultant for use in the Conceptual Site Plan.
- 5.4 Review all concepts and deliverables produced by the COUNTY Consultant during development of the Conceptual Site Plan in a timely manner.
- 5.5 Designate qualified staff to attend and participate as needed at all public meetings, design charrettes and other forums where the Conceptual Site Plan is being discussed.
- 5.6 Coordinate with MRGCD, the COUNTY, and the CITY as appropriate, as to the engineering design of any selected elements from the Conceptual Site Plan.

SECTION SIX: The PARTIES Agree:

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- 6.1 That the primary function of the Atrisco Lateral and Atrisco Acequia as irrigation conveyance facilities will remain paramount in all planning, studies, and designs resulting from the Conceptual Site Plan.
- 6.2 To plan for and provide additional cost-share funding, if the Parties are able and subject to each respective authority's approval, and seek additional funding through capital outlay requests or joint grant application(s) for identified needs for this and future phases of the Project.
- 6.3 Public and stakeholder participation during development of the Conceptual Site Plan will be sought out and encouraged by the PARTIES.
- 6.4 To utilize the usual and customary MRGCD licensing process for improvements within the MRGCD right of way, with the understanding that the Conceptual Site Plan will be the basis for component type, location, approval, and licensure of the identified components within the Atrisco Lateral and Atrisco Acequia right of way, subject to reasonable review and approval of final engineering and/or landscape plans.
- 6.5 Upon completion of the Conceptual Site Plan, each PARTY may take action to adopt, accept, or endorse the Conceptual Site Plan.
- 6.6 No PARTY makes any commitments for funding or implementation of any improvements identified in the Conceptual Site Plan as part of this Agreement.
- 6.7 If any situation arises which adversely affects a PARTY'S participation in this Agreement, said PARTY will immediately, and in writing, notify the other PARTIES. Any circumstance which materially affects this Agreement will be promptly and equitably

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resolved by the PARTIES and if necessary, an amendment to this Agreement shall be executed.

- 6.8 This Agreement contains the entirety of the understanding of the PARTIES concerning the Conceptual Site Plan and supersedes all prior discussions or agreements. No modification or amendment shall be enforceable unless done in writing and signed by the PARTIES.
- 6.9 The obligations of each PARTY under this Agreement shall be performed in compliance with all applicable laws, statutes, rules, regulations and ordinances. Nothing herein is intended to constitute any agreement for the PARTIES to perform any activity in violation of the Constitution or Laws of the State of New Mexico.
- 6.10 If any clause or provision in this Agreement is illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, under present or future laws effective during the term of this Agreement, then and in that event, it is the intention of the PARTIES hereto that the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.
- 6.11 The PARTIES shall be strictly accountable for all receipts and disbursement of the funds provided under this Agreement. Upon request, all PARTIES shall make available to each other, for examination or copying, all records with respect to all matters concerning the Conceptual Site Plan.
- 6.12 It is specifically agreed between the PARTIES executing this Agreement that this Agreement does not and is not intended to create in the public, or any member thereof, any rights whatsoever, such as, but not limited to, the rights of a third party beneficiary, or to authorize anyone not a party to this Agreement to maintain a suit(s) for wrongful death, bodily and/or personal injury(ies) to person(s), damage(s), and/or any other claim(s) whatsoever pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement.

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- 6.13 As between the PARTIES, each shall be solely responsible for any and all liability from personal injury, including death, or damage to property, arising from any negligent or intentional act or failure to act of the respective PARTY, its officials, agents, contractors or employees, pursuant to this Agreement. Liabilities of each PARTY shall be subject to the immunities and limitations of the Tort Claims Act §41-4-1, et seq., NMSA, 1978, and any amendments thereto, by entering into this Agreement, the COUNTY, MRGCD, the CITY, and ABCWUA and their “public employees” as defined in the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, do not waive sovereign immunity, do not waive any defense and/or do not waive any limitation of liability pursuant to law. No provision in this Agreement modifies and/or waives any provision of the New Mexico Tort Claims Act.
- 6.14 In the event of a dispute between the PARTIES, each PARTY shall be responsible for its own costs and attorney’s fees.
- 6.15 The PARTIES are expressly not committed to the expenditure of any funds until such time they are authorized by bond issue or other funding source, budgeted, appropriated by their respective public bodies, and approved for expenditure.
- 6.16 This Agreement is subject to approval by the County Manager of Bernalillo County, the MRGCD Board of Directors, the Chief Administrative Officer of the City of Albuquerque, and the ABCWUA Executive Director, and shall not be binding upon the PARTIES until executed by all PARTIES. Upon approval by all PARTIES, the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the PARTIES hereto, their successors and assigns.
- 6.17 Authenticated electronic signatures are legally acceptable pursuant to Section 14-16-7 NMSA 1978. The PARTIES agree that this Agreement may be electronically signed and

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that the electronic signatures appearing on the Agreement are the same as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the day and year set forth above.

The County of Bernalillo

APPROVED BY:

DocuSigned by:

Julie Morgas Baca

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12/10/2020

Julie Morgas Baca, Date
Bernalillo County Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

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Natalia Sanchez Downey

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Assistant County Attorney Date

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Enrico Gradi Date
Deputy County Manager

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Atrisco Acequia Project**

**Middle Rio Grande
Conservancy District**

Recommended by:



Mike A. Hamman, CE/CEO

Approved by:



Karen L. Dunning, Chair
Board of Directors

Attest:



Pamela Janelli
Secretary-Treasurer
MRGCD

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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

APPROVED BY:

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Sarita Nair, Chief Administrative Officer 8/5/2020 | 12:39 PM MDT
Date

RECOMMENDED BY:

DocuSigned by:

David J. Simon, Director, Parks & Recreation Dept. 8/4/2020 | 10:46 AM MDT
Date

Reviewed by Legal Department:

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Legal Department 7/29/2020 | 4:18 PM MDT
Date

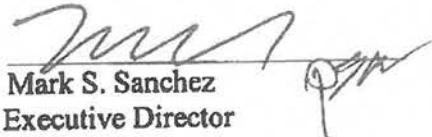
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City Clerk 8/4/2020 | 8:13 AM PDT
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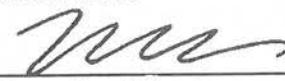

Mark S. Sanchez
Executive Director

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Attest:

Beth Ahr

ABCWUA



Executive Director

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EXHIBIT A

Outline Scope of Services

Confirm MRGCD Operation and Maintenance Requirements

Evaluate MRGCD annual operating procedures

Evaluate MRGCD annual and periodic maintenance procedures

Evaluate Current Planning Goals and Opportunities for site:

Evaluate BioPark Heritage Farm Program and potential connection to acequia education

Evaluate Open Space management and educational programs relating to Rio Grande Valley State Park

Coordinate with local Acequia Advocacy Groups

Identify Constraints

Physically-split City property ownership

Inventory existing vehicular access points

Illegal parking

Utilities

Bill board – terms of lease – (not sure if this is on COA property).

Land Use at Central and Sunset and redevelopment opportunities

Develop Concurrent Public Involvement and Input Process

Neighborhood

Acequia Advocacy Groups

Local Businesses

Processes Appropriate for Current COVID 19 Restrictions

Native Revegetation

Develop reclamation plan

Riparian

Ditch Bank Vegetation to reduce maintenance

Goat head control

Aesthetics

Use berms and other natural features to enhance corridor, shield traffic

Identify interpretive signage opportunities

Identify east west connection across the river and north south connections across Central Ave.

Access Control

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Trail and River Connections

Inventory destinations, connectivity to other trails and neighborhoods
Connections to adjacent Bosque and Levee Trails and River Access

Trail Users

- Pedestrians
- Equestrians
- Cyclists
- People with Disabilities

ADA Issues

- Trail Alignments
- Trail Surfacing

Signage

- Place making
- Locations
- Design
- Uniformity

Landscape

- Ditch “Street” Trees
- Node Parks
- Community Gardens
- Agricultural demonstration opportunities

Hardscape

- Benches
- Shade Ramadas
- Pedestrian Bridges

Storm Water Quality and Flood Control

Coordination with on-going drainage studies

Identify Storm Drainage outfalls

Identify Inputs with existing BMP's

Storm Water Harvesting

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Maintenance Responsibilities of participating partners

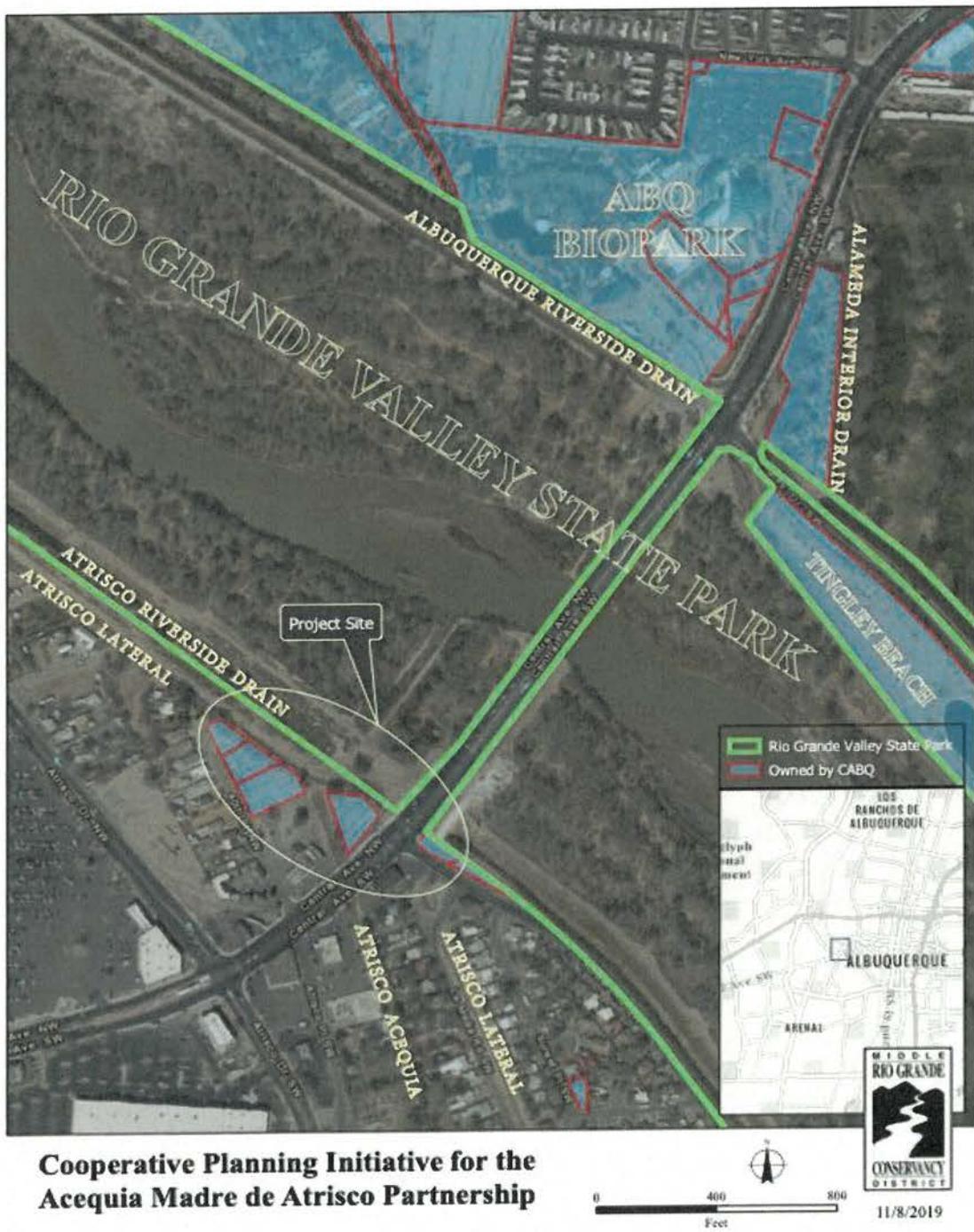
Phasing Plans

Background Documents (need to confirm title, author and dates)

Water Based Recreation Study
Ditches to Trails Plan
RGVSP & Bosque Action Plan
Southwest Area Plan

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EXHIBIT B



CONTRACT CONTROL FORM

Contact: Jonell L. Tafoya
Phone: 505-798-5366Req. Num.: RPR0015635
Acct. Num. : 527500
Act. Num.: 7557070CCN: 202100092

PRELIMINARY

Type of Agreement: Intergovernmental

For Grants Only:

Indirect Costs for General Fund
Services

% _____

Description: For the Study, Planning, and Design of the Atrisco Acequia Project between Bernalillo County, Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, and City of Albuquerque (Parks and Recreation Dept.)
Dept/Div: PARKS AND RECREATION/

\$ _____

Vendor: Bernalillo CountyContract Term: 08/15/2020 to: 06/30/2021Contract Amount: \$25,000.00 PayableFY Aggregate: \$0.00

Contract Total:

Date Submitted: 07/29/2020

PROCUREMENT:

WAIVERS REQUIRED:

RFP: No

Waiver Letter Attached: _____ Approved: _____

Ins:

Waiver Letter Attached: _____ Approved: _____

DRAFT CONTRACT:

Recd by Legal: _____ Rejected/Returned to Dept: _____ / _____

Returned to Legal: _____ / _____ Approved: _____ Initials: _____

INSURANCE AND BONDS REQUIRED:

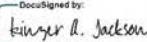
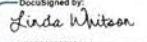
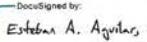
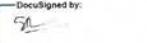
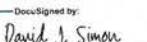
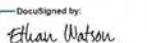
Bonds Required: NONE

Attached: _____

Insurance Required: NONE

Attached: _____

FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW

APPROVALS REQUIRED:	Date Delivered	Returned to Dept.	Approved by	Approval Date	Approved by	Approval Date
Purchasing:						
Asst. City Attorney:			DocuSigned by:  Ginger L. Jackson	1/29/2021 1:32 PM MST		
CIP:			DocuSigned by:  Linda Whitsen	2/1/2021 9:38 AM MST		
City Attorney:			DocuSigned by:  Esteban A. Aguirre, Jr.	1/29/2021 1:35 PM MST		
CAO:			DocuSigned by:  S. J. Simon	2/2/2021 6:21 PM MST		
Department:			DocuSigned by:  David J. Simon	2/1/2021 4:29 PM MST		
Budget:						
Others:			DocuSigned by:  Ethan Watson	1/29/2021 2:54 PM PST		

**AGREEMENT
AMENDMENT #1**

THIS AMENDMENT made and entered into this 14th day of September 2022 by and between the County of Bernalillo, New Mexico, a political subdivision in the State of New Mexico ("County"), and Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District ("MRGCD"), a political subdivision of the State of New Mexico, and the City of Albuquerque ("CITY"), a municipal corporation, and the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority ("ABCWUA"), a political subdivision of the State of New Mexico, (each individually referred to as "Party" and collectively referred to as the "Parties").

WITNESSED:

WHEREAS, the County and the Contractor entered into an Agreement dated December 10th, 2020 hereinafter referred to as the "Original Agreement", (CCN 2020-1004) whereby the Parties agreed to provide the planning, study and design services for the Atrisco Acequia Project in Bernalillo County.

WHEREAS, portions of the property in this analysis are managed by the City's Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency, which seeks to activate City property for economic development purposes and the MRA wishes to explore the feasibility of potential economic development elements that would integrate with the natural and cultural resource protection, education, and community engagement goals of the project.

WHEREAS, the County wishes to amend the Original Agreement and Parties have agreed to the amendment contained herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual obligations, the parties hereto do mutually agree as follows;

1. The Term is hereby amended as follows:

The Parties have mutually agreed to extend the term of the Original Agreement for an additional year, commencing July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

2. Approval Required

This Amendment #1 shall not become effective or binding until approved by the Bernalillo County Manager.

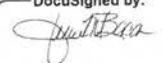
3. Terms and Conditions

Except as herein expressly amended, the terms and conditions of the Original Agreement shall remain unchanged and shall continue in full force and effect unless there is a conflict between the terms and conditions of the Original Agreement and this Amendment #1 in which event, the terms and conditions of this Amendment #1 shall control.

4. Facsimile / Electronic Signature

A signature sent via facsimile or electronically shall have the same legal effect as if the Original has been signed in person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County and the Contractor have executed this Amendment #1 as of the last date of execution shown below.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:		BERNALILLO COUNTY	
APPROVAL:			
DocuSigned by:  John Gruber 86A8BE2F74B9495...	8/9/2022	DocuSigned by:  Stephanie Russo-Baca BBF25CA19A90438...	8/9/2022
County Legal Department	Date	County Manager	Date
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY			
Jason M. Casuga Jason M. Casuga (Aug 10, 2022 08:37 MDT)	08/10/2022	Stephanie Russo-Baca Stephanie Russo-Baca (Aug 10, 2022 08:52 MDT)	08/10/2022
Jason M. Casuga Chief Engineer and CEO	Date	Stephanie Russo-Baca Board of Directors	Date
CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE			
Lawrence Rael Lawrence Rael (Aug 31, 2022 22:43 MDT)	08/31/2022	David J. Simon David J. Simon (Sep 01, 2022 09:00 MDT)	09/01/2022
Lawrence Rael Interim Chief Administrative Officer	Date	Parks & Recreation Department	Date
ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY (ABCWUA)			
Mark Sanchez Mark Sanchez (Sep 12, 2022 15:44 MDT)	09/12/2022	Charles W. Kolberg Charles W. Kolberg (Sep 12, 2022 16:02 MDT)	09/12/2022
Mark Sanchez Executive Director	Date	Charles Kolberg General Legal Council	Date
Jonathan Daniels Jonathan Daniels (Sep 14, 2022 09:56 MDT)	09/14/2022		
Jonathan Daniels Chief Purchasing Officer	Date		
METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY			
Terry Brunner Terry Brunner (Sep 1, 2022 08:04 MDT)	09/01/2022		
Terry Brunner Director	Date		



MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors

Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer

From: Richard DeLoia, Chief Procurement Officer

Date: February 2nd, 2026

Re: Consideration/Approval – New Belen Invasive Species Material Processing Project

Summary: MRGCD staff is requesting approval of the New Belen Invasive Species Material Processing Project, Funded through the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission Grant #G3753.

Staff Recommendation: MRGCD Staff are recommending award to Forrester & Associates in a total amount for Phase 2 & Phase 3 of \$100,615.34 including NMGRT at 6.6250%. This will be awarded per NM State Price Agreement Contract #30-00000-22-00023 AQ.

VENDOR	TOTAL PHASE 2 PROJECT W/TAX	TOTAL PHASE 3 PROJECT W/TAX	GRAND TOTAL
FORRESTER & ASSOCIATES	\$58,910.31	\$41,705.03	\$100,615.34



Forrester & Associates

Environmental and Contracting Services

P.O. Box 1217 • 181 East Main Street • Ackerman, MS 39735

369 Montezuma Avenue #573 • Santa Fe, NM 87501

Southwest Regional: 505.206.0243 • Phone: 662.331.2784

Fax: 662.285.6443

FEIN: 94-3418695

New Belen Outfall (Phase 2)

Date: 12/10/2025

Service	Price/Acre	Acres	Total Price Per Service
Lop and Scatter (line item 41)	\$400.00	65 AC	\$26,000.00
Hand Piling (line item 44)	\$450.00	65 AC	\$29,250.00
		Subtotal	\$55,250.00
		GRT at 6.6250%	\$3,660.31
		Total	\$58,910.31

New Mexico State Price Agreement #
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Submitted by:
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New Belen Outfall (Phase 3)

Date: 12/19/2025

Service	Price/Acre	Acres	Total Price Per Service
(line item 28)	\$595.00	65 AC	\$38,675.00
(line item 54)	\$6.75	65 AC	\$438.75
		Subtotal	\$39,113.75
		GRT at 6.6250%	\$2,591.28
		Total	\$41,705.03

New Mexico State Price Agreement #
30-00000-22-00023 AQ

Submitted by:
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New Belen Outfall Project Spring 2026

The New Belen Outfall has received mechanical extraction of dense salt cedar stands and hand crew treatment of lighter density mixed invasive species in 65 acres of the Belen bosque. The resulting woody material needs to be removed in order for uninterrupted recovery and restoration of native grasses and shrubs. The final process has been split into two treatments to account for weather delays as we move closer to Migratory Bird Treaty Act date restrictions for bosque work, allowing us to complete work in the fall if needed. Phase 2 will include creating two staging areas to hold raw material, chip piles and allow hauling truck access. Phase 3 will include chipping all the material, loading chips for removal by Soilutions, and returning staging areas back to native conditions with chips and small habitat piles of woody material for wildlife cover.



The image to the left shows piles of material that have been extracted to create open space for native grasses and shrubs under the cottonwood gallery. These piles are currently all throughout the unit.



The image to the left shows the project areas with the stars marking the two staging areas for processing material and vehicle access along the levee road.

Joanna Strange
Bosque Management Coordinator



MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors
Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer
From: Human Resources
Date: February 9, 2026
Re: Introduction of New Hires and Job/Title Changes

Belen Division

RICARDO	RIOS	HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	02/02/2026 PROMOTION
ANTHONY	PADILLA	SERVICE TECHNICIAN	02/16/2026



MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors
Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer
From: Pamela Fanelli, CFO, Finance
Date: February 09, 2026
Re: Consideration/Approval Resolution BA-02-09-26-111

Summary:

Resolution BA-02-09-26-111 authorizes a budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2026 (07-01-25 to 06-30-26) for unbudgeted projects in the Grant Fund, a reduction of loan interest payments in the Debt Service Fund and an unbudgeted MOA in the Operating Fund.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve this budget amendment.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

Adoption of Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (07-01-25 to 06-30-26) Grant, Debt Service, and Operating Fund

No. BA-02-09-26-111

WHEREAS, staff of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, State of New Mexico ("MRGCD"), has developed a budget for fiscal year 2025/2026; and

WHEREAS, the budget was adopted by the Governing Body of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District on May 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration approved said budget; and

WHEREAS, the original budget requires an amendment to update revenues and appropriations for unbudgeted projects and reduce debt service budget; and

WHEREAS, the following adjustments will be made in Fiscal Year 2026:

Fund	Project Number	Project Name	Budget Amount
8	G3748	WTB Feeder 3	Additional grant expenditures not budgeted in FY 26
		Add Grant Revenue	1,586,007.69
		Add Grant Expenditures	1,586,007.69
8	L3748	WTB Feeder 3 - Loan	
		Add Loan Proceeds	176,256.41
		Add Loan Expenditures	176,256.41
8	G3747	BOR Feeder 3	
		Add Grant Revenue	81,485.04
		Add Grant Expenditures	81,485.04
8	G3760	Atrisco Acequia Madre	Bernco Agreement not budgeted in FY 26
		Add Grant Revenue	870,000.00

		Add Grant Expenditure	870,000.00
7	31304	Equipment Loan FY26	Loan interest payments will not be due in FY26 as budgeted
		Remove Interest Loan Expense	68,000.00
		Remove Loan Expenditures	303,000.00
		Remove Transfer Rev Debt Svc	371,000.00
1	13111	Habitat Mitigation Project	SunZia MOA not budgeted in FY26
		Add Revenue	32,926.00
		Add Expenditures	32,926.00

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, being the Governing Body of the MRGCD, approves the amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026 budget and instructs the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer to submit the amended budget to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for approval.

RESOLVED: in session this 9th day of February 2026.

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

John P. Kelly, Chairman

Colin T. Baugh, Vice Chairman

Stephanie Russo Baca, Director

Chris Lopez, Director

Michael T. Sandoval, Director

Brian Jiron, Director

Karen Dunning, Director

ATTEST:

Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM

DRAFT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO) ss.
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT)

The Board of Directors (the “Governing Body”) of Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, Bernalillo County, New Mexico met in regular session in full conformity with law and the rules and regulations of the Governing Body in the Board Room, 1931 Second Street SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102, being the meeting place of the Governing Body for the regular meeting held on the 9th day of February, 2026, at the hour of 3:00 p.m. Upon roll call, the following members were found to be present:

Present: _____

Absent: _____

Also Present: _____

Thereupon, there was officially filed with the Secretary/Treasurer a copy of a proposed resolution in final form.

**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. M-02-09-26-234**

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO (THE "GOVERNMENTAL UNIT") AND THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$4,407,773 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE PURCHASE OF HEAVY, MEDIUM AND LIGHT EQUIPMENT AND THEIR RESPECTIVE APPARATUS, FUNDING A LOAN AGREEMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT AND MAKING A DEPOSIT TO THE FINANCE AUTHORITY DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT, AND EVIDENCING A SPECIAL LIMITED OBLIGATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$4,407,773, TOGETHER WITH INTEREST THEREON; PROVIDING FOR THE PLEDGE AND PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST DUE UNDER THE LOAN AGREEMENT SOLELY FROM THE NET REVENUES OF THE SYSTEM OF THE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT; APPROVING THE FORM AND TERMS OF, AND OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE LOAN AGREEMENT; SETTING THE MAXIMUM INTEREST RATE OF THE LOAN; RATIFYING ACTIONS HERETOFORE TAKEN; REPEALING ALL ACTION INCONSISTENT WITH THIS RESOLUTION; AND AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT.

Capitalized terms used in the following recitals have the same meaning as defined in Section 1 of this Resolution unless the context requires otherwise.

WHEREAS, the Governmental Unit is a legally and regularly created, established, organized and existing conservancy district under the general laws of the State and more specifically, the Conservancy Act, Sections 73-14-1 through 73-14-92, NMSA 1978, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined and hereby determines that the Project may be financed with amounts borrowed under the Loan Agreement and that it is in the best interest of the Governmental Unit and its residents that the Loan Agreement be executed and delivered and that the financing of the acquisition of the Project take place by executing and delivering the Loan Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined pursuant to the Act that it may lawfully pledge the Pledged Revenues for the payment of amounts due under the Loan Agreement; and

WHEREAS, other than as described on the Term Sheet, the Pledged Revenues have not heretofore been pledged to secure the payment of any obligation, which is currently outstanding; and

WHEREAS, the Loan Agreement shall be a special, limited obligation of the Governmental Unit, payable solely from the Pledged Revenues, and shall not constitute a general obligation of the Governmental Unit, or a debt or pledge of the full faith and credit of the Governmental Unit or the State; and

WHEREAS, there have been presented to the Governing Body and there presently are on file with the Secretary/Treasurer this Resolution and the form of the Loan Agreement, which is incorporated by reference and considered to be a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that the Project to be financed by the Loan is to be used for governmental purposes of the Governmental Unit and will not be used for purposes which would cause the Loan Agreement to be deemed a "private activity bond" as defined by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body intends by this Resolution to authorize the execution and delivery of the Loan Agreement in the amount and for the purposes set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, all required authorizations, consents and approvals in connection with (i) the use and pledge of the Pledged Revenues to the Finance Authority (or its assigns) for the payment of the amounts due under the Loan Agreement, (ii) the use of the proceeds of the Loan Agreement to finance the Project, and (iii) the authorization, execution and delivery of the Loan Agreement which are required to have been obtained by the date of this Resolution, have been obtained or are reasonably expected to be obtained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Definitions. As used in this Resolution, the following capitalized terms shall, for all purposes, have the meanings herein specified, unless the context clearly requires otherwise (such meanings to be equally applicable to both the singular and the plural forms of the terms defined):

"Act" means the general laws of the State, Sections 73-14-1 through 73-14-92, NMSA 1978, as amended, and enactments of the Governing Body relating to the Loan Agreement, including this Resolution.

"Aggregate Annual Debt Service Requirement" means the total principal and interest payments due and payable pursuant to the Loan Agreement and on all Parity Obligations secured by a pledge of the Pledged Revenues for any one Fiscal Year.

"Authorized Officers" means the Chairman, Vice Chair, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary/Treasurer.

"Bonds" means public project revolving fund revenue bonds, if any, issued hereafter by the Finance Authority to fund or reimburse the Loan Agreement.

"Closing Date" means the date of execution, delivery and funding of the Loan Agreement.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the applicable regulations thereunder.

“Completion Date” means the date of final payment of the cost of the Project.

“Expenses” means the cost of issuance of the Loan Agreement and the costs of issuance of the Bonds, if any, and the periodic and regular fees and expenses incurred by the Finance Authority in administering the Loan Agreement, including legal fees.

“Finance Authority” means the New Mexico Finance Authority.

“Finance Authority Debt Service Account” means the debt service account in the name of the Governmental Unit established under the Indenture and held by the Finance Authority to pay principal and interest, if any, on the Loan Agreement as the same become due.

“Fiscal Year” means the period commencing on July 1 in each calendar year and ending on the last day of June of the next succeeding calendar year, or any other twelve-month period which any appropriate authority may hereafter establish for the Governmental Unit as its fiscal year.

“Governing Body” means the Board of Directors of the Governmental Unit, or any future successor governing body of the Governmental Unit.

“Governmental Unit” means the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

“Gross Revenues” means all income and revenues directly or indirectly derived by the Governmental Unit from the operation and use of the System, or any part of the System, and includes, without limitation, all revenues received by the Governmental Unit, or any municipal corporation or agency succeeding to the rights of the Governmental Unit, from the System and from the sale of water and sanitary sewer services or facilities, or any other service, commodity or facility or any combination thereof furnished to the inhabitants in the Service Area, including all revenues from the special taxes and special assessments imposed by the Governmental Unit pursuant to the Conservancy Act that are authorized to be pledged to pay debts, liabilities and obligations of the Governmental Unit such as this Loan Agreement.

Gross Revenues do not include:

(a) Any money received as (i) grants or gifts from the United States of America, the State or other sources or (ii) the proceeds of any charge or tax intended as a replacement therefore or other capital contributions from any source which are restricted as to use;

(b) Gross receipts taxes, other taxes and/or fees collected by the Governmental Unit and remitted to other governmental agencies; and

Condemnation proceeds or the proceeds of any insurance policy, except any insurance proceeds derived in respect of loss of use or business interruption, and except as provided in Section 2.1(ee) of this Loan Agreement.

“Herein,” “hereby,” “hereunder,” “hereof,” “hereinabove” and “hereafter” refer to this entire Resolution and not solely to the particular section or paragraph of this Resolution in which such word is used.

“Indenture” means the General Indenture of Trust and Pledge dated as of June 1, 1995, as amended and supplemented, by and between the Finance Authority and the Trustee, as successor trustee, or the Subordinated General Indenture of Trust and Pledge dated as of March 1, 2005, as supplemented, by and between the Finance Authority and the Trustee, as successor trustee, as determined by the Finance Authority pursuant to a Pledge Notification or Supplemental Indenture (as defined in the Indenture).

“Loan” means the funds to be loaned to the Governmental Unit by the Finance Authority pursuant to the Loan Agreement.

“Loan Agreement” means the Loan Agreement dated the Closing Date between the Finance Authority and the Governmental Unit which provides for the financing of the Project and requires payments by or on behalf of the Governmental Unit to the Finance Authority and/or the Trustee and any amendments or supplements thereto, and including the exhibits attached to the Loan Agreement.

“Loan Agreement Principal Amount” means the original principal amount of the Loan Agreement as shown on the Term Sheet.

“Loan Agreement Reserve Account” means the loan agreement reserve account established in the name of the Governmental Unit, funded from the proceeds of the Loan Agreement and administered by the Trustee pursuant to the Indenture.

“Loan Agreement Reserve Requirement” means, with respect to the Loan, the amount shown as the Loan Agreement Reserve Account Deposit on Exhibit “A” to the Loan Agreement, which amount does not exceed the least of: (i) ten percent (10%) of the Loan Agreement Principal Amount; (ii) one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the average annual principal and interest requirements under the Loan Agreement; or (iii) the maximum annual principal and interest requirements under the Loan Agreement.

“NMSA” means the New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1978 Compilation, as amended and supplemented.

“Net Revenues” means the Gross Revenues after deducting Operation and Maintenance Expenses.

“Operation and Maintenance Expenses” means all reasonable and necessary current expenses of the System, for any particular Fiscal Year or period to which such term is applicable, paid or accrued, related to operating, maintaining and repairing the System, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing:

(a) Legal and overhead expenses of the various Governmental Unit departments directly related and reasonably allocable to the administration of the System;

(b) Insurance premiums for the System, including, without limitation, premiums for property insurance, public liability insurance and workmen's compensation insurance, whether or not self-funded;

(c) Premiums, expenses and other costs (other than required reimbursements of insurance proceeds and other amounts advanced to pay debt service requirements on System bonds) for credit facilities;

(d) Any expenses described in this definition other than expenses paid from the proceeds of System bonds;

(e) The costs of audits of the books and accounts of the System;

(f) Amounts required to be deposited in any rebate fund;

(g) Salaries, administrative expenses, labor costs, surety bonds and the cost of water, materials and supplies used for or in connection with the current operation of the System; and

(h) Any fees required to be paid under any operation, maintenance and/or management agreement with respect to the System.

Operation and Maintenance Expenses do not include any allowance for depreciation, payments in lieu of taxes, franchise fees payable or other transfers to the Governmental Unit's general fund, liabilities incurred by the Governmental Unit as a result of its negligence or other misconduct in the operation of the System, any charges for the accumulation of reserves for capital replacements or any Operation and Maintenance Expenses payable from moneys other than Gross Revenues.

“Parity Obligations” means the Loan Agreement and any other obligations, now or hereafter issued or incurred, payable from or secured by a lien or pledge of the Pledged Revenues and issued with a lien on the Pledged Revenues on parity with the Loan Agreement, including those obligations described on the Term Sheet.

“Pledged Revenues” means the Net Revenues of the Governmental Unit pledged to payment of the Loan Agreement Payments pursuant to this Resolution and described on the Term Sheet.

“Program Account” means the account in the name of the Governmental Unit established pursuant to the Indenture and held by the Trustee for the deposit of the net proceeds of the Loan Agreement for disbursal to the Governmental Unit for payment of the costs of the Project.

“Project” means the project described on the Term Sheet.

“Resolution” means this Resolution No. M-02-09-26-234 adopted by the Governing Body on February 9, 2026, approving the Loan Agreement and pledging the Pledged Revenues to the payment of the Loan Agreement as shown on the Term Sheet, as supplemented and amended from time to time.

“Service Area” means the area served by the System, whether situated within or without the limits of the Governmental Unit.

“State” means the State of New Mexico.

“System” means the conservancy district system operated by the Government Unit, consisting of all properties, real, personal, mixed or otherwise, now owned or hereafter acquired by the Governmental Unit through purchase, condemnation, construction or otherwise, including all expansions, extensions, enlargements and improvements of or to the system, and used in connection therewith or relating thereto, and any other related activity or enterprise of the Governmental Unit designated by the Governing Body as part of the system, whether situated within or without the limits of the Governmental Unit.

“Term Sheet” means Exhibit “A” to the Loan Agreement.

“Trustee” means BOKF, NA, Albuquerque, New Mexico, or any successor trustee company, national or state banking association or financial institution at the time appointed Trustee by the Finance Authority.

Section 2. Ratification. All actions heretofore taken (not inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution) by the Governing Body and officers of the Governmental Unit directed toward the acquisition of the Project and the execution and delivery of the Loan Agreement, be, and the same hereby are, ratified, approved and confirmed.

Section 3. Authorization of the Project and the Loan Agreement. The acquisition of the Project and the method of financing the Project through execution and delivery of the Loan Agreement are hereby authorized and ordered. The Project is for the benefit and use of the Governmental Unit.

Section 4. Findings. The Governmental Unit hereby declares that it has considered all relevant information and data and hereby makes the following findings:

A. The Project is needed to meet the needs of the Governmental Unit and its residents, and the issuance and delivery of the Loan Agreement is necessary and advisable.

B. Moneys available and on hand for the Project from all sources other than the Loan are not sufficient to defray the costs of acquiring the Project.

C. The Pledged Revenues may lawfully be pledged to secure the payment of amounts due under the Loan Agreement.

D. It is economically feasible to defray, in whole or in part, the costs of the Project by the execution and delivery of the Loan Agreement.

E. The Project and the execution and delivery of the Loan Agreement pursuant to the Act to provide funds for the financing of the Project are necessary and in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of and the public served by the Governmental Unit.

F. The Governmental Unit will acquire the Project, in whole or in part, with the net proceeds of the Loan.

G. Other than as described on the Term Sheet, the Governmental Unit does not have any outstanding obligations payable from the Pledged Revenues which it has incurred or will incur prior to the initial execution and delivery of the Loan Agreement.

H. The net effective interest rate on the Loan does not exceed twelve percent (12.0%) per annum, which is the maximum rate permitted by State law.

Section 5. Loan Agreement - Authorization and Detail.

A. Authorization. This Resolution has been adopted by the affirmative vote of at least a majority of all of the members of the Governing Body. For the purpose of protecting the public health, conserving the property, protecting the general welfare and prosperity of the residents of the Governmental Unit and acquiring the Project, it is hereby declared necessary that the Governmental Unit, pursuant to the Act, execute and deliver the Loan Agreement evidencing a special, limited obligation of the Governmental Unit to pay a principal amount of \$4,407,773 plus interest thereon, and the execution and delivery of the Loan Agreement are hereby authorized. The Governmental Unit shall use the proceeds of the Loan to (i) finance the acquisition of the Project; (ii) fund the Loan Agreement Reserve Account; and (iii) make a deposit to the Finance Authority Debt Service Account. The Project will be owned by the Governmental Unit.

B. Detail. The Loan Agreement shall be in substantially the form of the Loan Agreement presented at the meeting of the Governing Body at which this Resolution was adopted. The Loan shall be in an original aggregate principal amount of \$4,407,773, shall be payable in installments of principal due on May 1 of the years designated in Exhibit "B" to the Loan Agreement and bear interest payable on May 1 and November 1 of each year, beginning on November 1, 2026, at the rates designated in Exhibit "B" to the Loan Agreement.

Section 6. Approval of Loan Agreement. The form of the Loan Agreement as presented at the meeting of the Governing Body at which this Resolution was adopted is hereby approved. Authorized Officers are hereby individually authorized to execute, acknowledge and deliver the Loan Agreement, with such changes, insertions and omissions that are consistent with this Resolution as may be approved by such individual Authorized Officers, and the Secretary/Treasurer is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Governmental Unit on the Loan Agreement and attest the same. The execution of the Loan Agreement by an Authorized Officer shall be conclusive evidence of such approval.

Section 7. Special Limited Obligation. The Loan Agreement shall be secured by the pledge of the Pledged Revenues as set forth in the Loan Agreement and shall be payable solely from the Pledged Revenues. The Loan Agreement, together with other obligations of the Governmental Unit thereunder, shall be a special, limited obligation of the Governmental Unit, payable solely from the Pledged Revenues as provided in this Resolution and the Loan Agreement and shall not constitute a general obligation of the Governmental Unit or the State, and the holders of the Loan Agreement may not look to any general or other fund of the Governmental Unit for payment of the obligations thereunder. Nothing contained in this Resolution or in the Loan

Agreement, or any other instruments, shall be construed as obligating the Governmental Unit (except with respect to the application of the Pledged Revenues), as incurring a pecuniary liability or a charge upon the general credit of the Governmental Unit or against its taxing power, nor shall a breach of any agreement contained in this Resolution, the Loan Agreement, or any other instrument impose any pecuniary liability upon the Governmental Unit or any charge upon its general credit or against its taxing power. The Loan Agreement shall never constitute an indebtedness of the Governmental Unit within the meaning of any State constitutional provision or statutory limitation and shall never constitute or give rise to a pecuniary liability of the Governmental Unit or a charge against its general credit or taxing power. Nothing herein shall prevent the Governmental Unit from applying other funds of the Governmental Unit legally available therefore to payments required by the Loan Agreement, in its sole and absolute discretion.

Section 8. Disposition of Proceeds: Completion of Acquisition of the Project.

A. Program Account and Finance Authority Debt Service Account and Loan Agreement Reserve Account. The Governmental Unit hereby consents to creation of the Finance Authority Debt Service Account to be held and maintained by the Finance Authority and to the Program Account and the Loan Agreement Reserve Account to be held by the Trustee pursuant to the Indenture, each in connection with the Loan. The Governmental Unit hereby approves: (i) the deposit of a portion of the proceeds of the Loan Agreement in the Program Account and the Finance Authority Debt Service Account; and (ii) the deposit of funds in the amount of the Loan Agreement Reserve Requirement in the Loan Agreement Reserve Account, all as set forth on the Term Sheet.

The proceeds derived from the execution and delivery of the Loan Agreement shall be deposited promptly upon the receipt thereof in the Program Account, the Loan Agreement Reserve Account and the Finance Authority Debt Service Account, all as provided in the Loan Agreement and the Indenture.

Until the Completion Date, the money in the Program Account shall be used and paid out solely for the purpose of acquiring the Project in compliance with applicable law and the provisions of the Loan Agreement and the Indenture.

The Governmental Unit will acquire the Project with all due diligence.

B. Completion of Acquisition of the Project. Upon the Completion Date, the Governmental Unit shall execute and send to the Finance Authority a certificate stating that acquisition of and payment for the Project have been completed. As soon as practicable, and, in any event, not more than sixty (60) days from the Completion Date, any balance remaining in the Program Account shall be transferred and deposited into the Finance Authority Debt Service Account, as provided in the Loan Agreement and the Indenture.

C. Finance Authority and Trustee Not Responsible. The Finance Authority and the Trustee shall in no manner be responsible for the application or disposal by the Governmental Unit or by its officers of the funds derived from the Loan Agreement or of any other funds herein designated.

Section 9. Deposit of Pledged Revenues, Distributions of the Pledged Revenues and Flow of Funds.

A. Deposit of Pledged Revenues. Pledged Revenues shall be paid directly by the Governmental Unit to the Finance Authority for deposit in the Finance Authority Debt Service Account and remittance to the Trustee in an amount sufficient to pay principal, interest, premium, if any, and other amounts due under the Loan Agreement.

B. Termination on Deposits to Maturity. No payment shall be made into the Finance Authority Debt Service Account if the amounts in the Finance Authority Debt Service Account and Loan Agreement Reserve Account total a sum at least equal to the entire aggregate amount to become due as to principal, interest on, and any other amounts due under, the Loan Agreement in which case moneys in such account in an amount at least equal to such principal and interest requirements shall be used solely to pay such obligations as the same become due, and any moneys in excess thereof in such accounts shall be transferred to the Governmental Unit and used as provided below.

C. Use of Surplus Revenues. After making all the payments hereinabove required to be made by this Section and any payments required by outstanding Parity Obligations, any moneys remaining in the Finance Authority Debt Service Account shall be transferred to the Governmental Unit on a timely basis and shall be applied to any other lawful purpose, including, but not limited to, the payment of any Parity Obligations or bonds or obligations subordinate and junior to the Loan Agreement, or other purposes authorized by the Governmental Unit, the Constitution and laws of the State, as the Governmental Unit may from time to time determine.

Section 10. Lien on Pledged Revenues. Pursuant to the Loan Agreement, the Pledged Revenues are hereby authorized to be pledged to, and are hereby pledged, and the Governmental Unit grants a security interest therein for, the payment of the principal, interest, and any other amounts due under the Loan Agreement, subject to the uses hereof permitted by and the priorities set forth in this Resolution. The Loan Agreement constitutes an irrevocable and first lien, but not necessarily an exclusive first lien, on the Pledged Revenues as set forth herein and therein and the Governmental Unit shall not create a lien on the Pledged Revenues superior to that of the Loan Agreement.

Section 11. Authorized Officers. Authorized Officers are hereby individually authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all papers, instruments, opinions, affidavits and other documents and to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out this Resolution, the Loan Agreement, and all other transactions contemplated hereby and thereby. Authorized Officers are hereby individually authorized to do all acts and things required of them by this Resolution, the Loan Agreement for the full, punctual and complete performance of all the terms, covenants and agreements contained in this Resolution and the Loan Agreement, including but not limited to, the execution and delivery of closing documents in connection with the execution and delivery of the Loan Agreement and the publication of the summary of this Resolution set out in Section 17 of this Resolution (with such changes, additions and deletions as may be necessary).

Section 12. Amendment of Resolution. Prior to the date of the initial delivery of the Loan Agreement to the Finance Authority, the provisions of this Resolution may be supplemented or amended by resolution of the Governing Body with respect to any changes which are not inconsistent with the substantive provisions of this Resolution. This Resolution may be amended without receipt by the Governmental Unit of any additional consideration, but only with the prior written consent of the Finance Authority.

Section 13. Resolution Irrepealable. After the Loan Agreement has been executed and delivered, this Resolution shall be and remain irrepealable until all obligations due under the Loan Agreement shall be fully paid, canceled and discharged, as herein provided.

Section 14. Severability Clause. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 15. Repealer Clause. All bylaws, orders, resolutions, and ordinances, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed to revive any bylaw, order, resolution or ordinance, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

Section 16. Effective Date. Upon due adoption of this Resolution, it shall be recorded in the book of the Governmental Unit kept for that purpose, authenticated by the signatures of the Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer of the Governmental Unit, and the title and general summary of the subject matter contained in this Resolution (set out in Section 17 below) shall be published in a newspaper which maintains an office and is of general circulation in the Governmental Unit, or posted in accordance with law, and said Resolution shall be in full force and effect thereafter, in accordance with law.

Section 17. General Summary for Publication. Pursuant to the general laws of the State, the title and a general summary of the subject matter contained in this Resolution shall be published in substantially the following form:

(Form of Summary of Resolution for Publication)

**Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
Notice of Adoption of Resolution**

Notice is hereby given of the title and of a general summary of the subject matter contained in Resolution No. M-02-09-26-234, duly adopted and approved by the Governing Body of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, on February 9, 2026. A complete copy of the Resolution is available for public inspection during the normal and regular business hours of the Secretary/Treasurer, 1931 Second Street SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102.

The title of the Resolution is:

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. M-02-09-26-234

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO (THE "GOVERNMENTAL UNIT") AND THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$4,407,773 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE PURCHASE OF HEAVY, MEDIUM AND LIGHT EQUIPMENT AND THEIR RESPECTIVE APPARATUS, FUNDING A LOAN AGREEMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT AND MAKING A DEPOSIT TO THE FINANCE AUTHORITY DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT, AND EVIDENCING A SPECIAL LIMITED OBLIGATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$4,407,773, TOGETHER WITH INTEREST THEREON; PROVIDING FOR THE PLEDGE AND PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST DUE UNDER THE LOAN AGREEMENT SOLELY FROM THE NET REVENUES OF THE SYSTEM OF THE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT; APPROVING THE FORM AND TERMS OF, AND OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE LOAN AGREEMENT; SETTING THE MAXIMUM INTEREST RATE OF THE LOAN; RATIFYING ACTIONS HERETOFORE TAKEN; REPEALING ALL ACTION INCONSISTENT WITH THIS RESOLUTION; AND AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT.

A general summary of the subject matter of the Resolution is contained in its title. This notice constitutes compliance with Section 6-14-6, NMSA 1978.

(End of Form of Summary for Publication)

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 9th day of February, 2026.

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY
DISTRICT, BERNALILLO COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO

By _____
John P. Kelly, Chairman

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

By _____
Pamela Fanelli, Secretary/Treasurer

Director _____ then moved adoption of the foregoing Resolution, duly seconded by Director _____.

The motion to adopt said Resolution, upon being put to a vote, was passed and adopted on the following recorded vote:

Those Voting Aye: _____

Those Voting Nay: _____

Those Absent: _____

_____ () members of the Governing Body having voted in favor of said motion, the Chairman declared said motion carried and said Resolution adopted, whereupon the Chairman and the Secretary/Treasurer signed the Resolution upon the records of the minutes of the Governing Body.

After consideration of matters not relating to the Resolution, the meeting on the motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, was adjourned.

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY
DISTRICT, BERNALILLO COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO

By _____
John P. Kelly, Chairman

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

By _____
Pamela Fanelli, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT “A”

Meeting Agenda
of the February 9, 2026
Board of Directors Meeting

(See attached)

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO) ss.
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT)

I, Pamela Fanelli, the duly qualified and acting Secretary/Treasurer of Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, Bernalillo County, New Mexico (the "Governmental Unit"), do hereby certify:

1. The foregoing pages are a true, perfect, and complete copy of the record of the proceedings of the Board of Directors of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, Bernalillo County, New Mexico (the "Governing Body"), constituting the governing body of the Governmental Unit had and taken at a duly called regular meeting held in the Board Room, 1931 Second Street SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102, on February 9, 2026, at the hour of 3:00 p.m., insofar as the same relate to the execution and delivery of the proposed Loan Agreement, a copy of which is set forth in the official records of the proceedings of the Governing Body kept in my office. None of the action taken has been rescinded, repealed, or modified.

2. Said proceedings were duly had and taken as therein shown, the meeting therein was duly held, and the persons therein named were present at said meeting, as therein shown.

3. Notice of said meeting was given in compliance with the permitted methods of giving notice of regular meetings of the Governing Body as required by the Governmental Unit's open meetings standards presently in effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of March, 2026.

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY
DISTRICT, BERNALILLO COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO

By _____
Pamela Fanelli, Secretary/Treasurer

[SEAL]

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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors

Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer

From: Pamela Fanelli, CFO, Finance

Date: February 09, 2026

Re: Consideration Removal of Obsolete Parts M-02-09-26-235

Summary:

MRGCD currently has two (2) older large Class B safes stored in the District storage room. These safes are not in use and are taking up needed space. Staff proposes disposing of the safes by placing them for public auction.

Finance staff reviewed available records and does not find evidence that the safes were capitalized in the District's fixed asset records; therefore, the original acquisition cost is unknown. Staff estimates the combined resale value of the two safes to be approximately \$1,000.00.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve the disposal of the two obsolete safes through auction, consistent with District procedures.

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2 **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
3 **OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**
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5 **DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE ITEMS**
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8 **M-02-09-26-235**
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10 **WHEREAS**, the attached memorandum to the Board concerns obsolete items, and the
11 Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) no longer has need for use of the items; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, the MRGCD may dispose of any item of tangible value and delete said item
14 from its inventory if such item is:
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16 1. of a current resale value of five thousand dollar (\$5,000) or less; or
17 2. having a current resale value greater than five thousand dollars (\$5,000); that has
18 DFA approval; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, the MRGCD has complied with State of New Mexico Office of the State
21 Auditor Rule 2. 2. 2. 18, regarding the disposition of fixed assets,
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23 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy
24 District Board of Directors hereby approves proper disposal of the items in accordance with
25 Chapters 13-6-1 and 13-6-2 NMSA 1978.
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27 **RESOLVED**: this 9th day of February 2026, in a duly convened session of the
28 Board.
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30 **Exhibit A**
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32 **Items Approved for Disposal / Auction**
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Make	Class	S/N	MRGCD Tag #
Safe Cabinet Laboratory	B	62650	0097
Safe Cabinet Laboratory	B	69029	0167

34 35 **MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**
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40 John P. Kelly, Chairman
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42 **ATTEST:**
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46 Pamela Fanelli, CGFM, CMA,
47 Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors

Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer

From: Tarah Jaramillo, Executive Assistant

Date: February 9, 2026

Re: Consideration/Approval of Resolution BD-02-09-26-61 Repealing Resolution BD-03-25-13-40.5

Summary: At the time Resolution BD-03-25-13-40.5 was approved by the Board, there were two (2) Regular Meetings per month and it was appropriate to limit the length of those Regular Meetings.

MRGCD currently has one (1) Regular Meeting per month.

Staff Recommendation: Repeal Resolution BD-03-25-13-40.5 requiring a motion to be passed to extend the length of a Regular Meeting after three and a half (3 ½) hours.

1 **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
2 **OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

4 **REPEALING RESOLUTION BD-03-25-13-40.5 REGARDING THE LENGTH OF TIME FOR**
5 **REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE**
6 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

9 **BD-02-09-26-61**

12 **WHEREAS**, Section 10-15-1(D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Middle Rio
13 Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) Board of Directors to publish timely and inform the
14 public of the meeting's time, place and date; and,

16 **WHEREAS**, MRGCD's annual Open Meetings Act Resolution sets the days and times of
17 Regular Meetings.

19 **WHEREAS**, Resolution BD-03-25-13-40.5 provides that a meeting of the MRGCD Board
20 of Directors shall last no longer than three and one-half hours unless a motion is passed to
21 extend the length of the meeting,

23 **WHEREAS**, at the time Resolution BD-03-25-13-40.5 was resolved, there were two
24 Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors per month and it was appropriate to limit the length
25 of such meetings in accordance with the terms of Resolution BD-03-25-13-40.5.

27 **WHEREAS**, there currently is one Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors per month
28 which meetings at times last longer than three and one-half hours.

30 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors determines that it is no longer in the best interest of
31 the MRGCD to require a Regular Meeting to end before three and one-half hours unless there is
32 a motion that passes to extend such meeting beyond that time

34 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Resolution BD-03-25-13-40.5 is hereby repealed
35 commencing with the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2026 and a motion to extend a Regular
36 Meeting beyond a certain shall no longer be required.

39 **DATED AND RESOLVED** this 9th day of February 2026.

42 **MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

44 John P. Kelly, Chairman
45 MRGCD Board of Directors

47 **ATTEST:**

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49 Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
50 Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**CHANGE IN STARTING TIME FOR REGULARLY SCHEDULED
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS**

BD-03-25-13-40.5

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) Board of Directors to publish timely and inform the public of the meeting's time, place and date; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors seeks change to the start time of its regularly scheduled meetings held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors determines that it is in the best interest of the MRGCD to begin its regularly scheduled meetings promptly at 1:30pm; and,

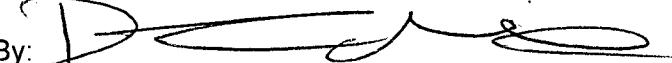
WHEREAS, meetings shall last no longer than three and one half (3½) hours, unless a motion is passed to extend the length of the meeting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that commencing with the meeting of March 25, 2013 and continuing forward, each regularly scheduled meeting will begin at 1:30pm and shall last no longer than three and one half (3½) hours, unless a motion is passed to extend the length of the meeting. The meetings will take place at the MRGCD General Office, 1931 Second Street SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

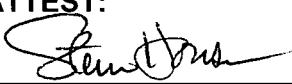
DATED AND RESOLVED this 25th day of March, 2013

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

By:


Derrick J. Lente, Chairman

ATTEST:


Steven L. Houser, Secretary/Treasurer