



# Agenda

For Presentation at the  
2,233<sup>rd</sup> Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District



March 9, 2026 – 3:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Link:

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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 – February 2026
  - b. Consideration/Approval of February 2026 Invoices for Wiggins, Williams & Wesenberg, PC
  - c. Consideration/Approval of February 2026 Invoices for Spencer Fane LLP
  - d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meetings – February 9, 2026
  - e. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for February 2026 (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:05 4. **Consideration/Approval of Proclamation Acknowledging the Historical Significance of the Ross Engineering lineage and the Ross Howard Company and formally thanking Ms. Cecilia Martinez Howard for her preservation efforts of historic surveys and records – Doug Strech, Systems and Data Integration Program Manager**
- 3:20 5. **Report on the 2026 NM Legislative Session – John Thompson, MRGCD Lobbyist**
- 3:30 6. **Report(s) from the Water Operations**
  - a. Report on Water Supply Conditions – Anne Marken, River Operations & Telemetry Manager
  - b. Report on Water Distribution – Matt Martinez, Irrigation Distribution Manager
- 4:00 7. **Report(s) from the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**
  - a. Report on the Fiscal Year 2025 Financial Report – Alan “A.J.” Bowers, Carr Riggs & Ingram
  - b. Report on Finance Committee Meeting, March 9th, 2026 - Chair Kelly, Vice Chair Baugh, and Director Russo Baca
  - c. Consideration/Approval of Debt Policy
  - d. Consideration/Approval of Resolution M-03-09-26-236 Disposal of Obsolete Items
  - e. Consideration/Approval of Resolution BA-03-09-26-112 Adoption of Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (07-01-25 to 06-30-26)
- 4:20 8. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to three (3) minutes)**
- 4:35 9. **Report(s) from the Department of the Interior**
  - a. Bureau of Reclamation – John Irizarry-Nazario, Deputy Area Manager
  - b. Bureau of Indian Affairs – Patrick Taber, Acting Designated Engineer
- 4:55 10. **Update from the Office of State Engineer – Elizabeth Anderson, State Engineer and Hannah Riseley-White, Interstate Stream Commission Director**
- 5:15 11. **Report(s) from the Chief Procurement Officer – Richard DeLoia**
  - a. Consideration/Approval for Award of Investment Services/Advisor
  - b. Consideration/Approval of Loretta Road/Alameda Intersection Improvements
- 5:20 12. **Report(s) from the Director of Human Resources – Christine L. Nardi, MBA**
  - a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires

- b. Employee Recognition
- 5:35 13. **Report(s) from the Director of Lands & Conservation – Casey Ish**
  - a. Update on River Mile 163 Restoration and Public Access Discussion
  - b. Consideration/Approval of Tract D1B1 & D1B2 being designated as Surplus Lands – Mike Padilla, ROW Supervisor
- 5:45 14. **Report(s) from the Director of Technical Services – Eric Zamora, PE**
  - a. Off Season Maintenance and Construction Updates
  - b. Update on the Corrales Siphon Project
- 6:05 15. **Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO – Jason M. Casuga, PE**
  - a. Update from Director of Communications - Amanda Molina
  - b. Report on Lower San Acacia Reach Improvement Project Technical Presentation and Discussion with USBR, March 2, 2026 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO
  - c. Report on the 2026 Land and Water Summit, March 5-6, 2026 – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO and Directors Sandoval and Russo Baca
  - d. Information on Upcoming Events:
    - 1. Primera Agua Event, March 29, 2026: Albuquerque, NM
    - 2. 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Acequia & Land Grant Education Project Pre-Conference Institute, April 8, 2026: Albuquerque, NM
    - 3. Rio Grande Compact Commission Annual Meeting, April 17, 2026: Santa Fe, NM
    - 4. 2026 Water Leaders Workshop, April 20-22, 2026: Ruidoso, NM
    - 5. Law of the Colorado River Annual Conference, May 18-19, 2026: Santa Fe, NM
    - 6. 2026 Next Generation Water Summit, June 11-12, 2026: Santa Fe, NM
- 6:15 16. **Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**
- 6:25 17. **Report(s) from the Board**
  - a. Report on Meeting with NMISC, January 27, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh
  - b. Report on Meeting with Explora, February 4, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh
  - c. Report on Meeting with SIPI's Environmental and Biology Department, February 11, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh
  - d. Report on the SVRAA Comisionado Meeting, February 16, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
  - e. Report on Representative Vasquez Ag Advisory Group, February 17, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
  - f. Report on the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting with Maggie Hart Stebbins, Office of Natural Resources Trustee, February 18 – Director Russo Baca
  - g. Report on Meeting with NMISC, February 19, 2026 - Vice Chair Baugh and Director Russo Baca
  - h. Report on Meeting with Amanda Molina, Director of Communications, Regarding APS School Board Presentation with Valle Vista Elementary, February 20, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh
  - i. Report on Meeting with Nancy Conrad and Conrad Institution, February 23, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh
  - j. Report on Follow Up Meeting with NMISC and Conrad Institution, February 24, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh
  - k. Report on Village of Corrales Council Meeting, February 24, 2026 – Director Lopez
  - l. Report on the Meeting with CESOSS regarding the Primera Aqua Event, February 27, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
  - m. Report on RFP Committee Meeting, March 2, 2026 – Chair Kelly
  - n. Report on Meeting with Valle Vista Elementary, March 3, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh
  - o. Report on Albuquerque Public Schools Board Meeting, March 4, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh
  - p. Report on the Rio Grande 6-Pueblo Coalition Meeting, March 5, 2026 – Director Jiron
- 6:35 18. **Executive Session**
  - a. NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)
    - 1. Limited Personnel Matters
  - b. NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)7
    - 1. Threatened or Pending Litigation