



Agenda

For Presentation at the
2,234th Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District



April 13, 2026 – 3:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/2765069278?pwd=V2d0SWppTkxGTTFMb0g5RFhmeERjZz09>

Meeting ID: 276 506 9278 and Passcode: 504470

MRGCD General Office * 1931 Second Street SW * Albuquerque, New Mexico
Meetings are held on second Mondays/month. Any questions please call the Board Liaison at (505) 247-0234.
For more information, visit our website at www.mrgcd.com

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 – March 2026
 - b. Consideration/Approval of March 2026 Invoices for Wiggins, Williams & Wesenberg, PC
 - c. Consideration/Approval of March 2026 Invoices for Spencer Fane LLP
 - d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meetings – March 9, 2026
 - e. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Special Board Meetings – March 16, 2026
 - f. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for March 2026 (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:05 4. **Report(s) from the Director of Human Resources – Christine L. Nardi, MBA**
 - a. Employee Recognition - Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation
 - b. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires – Steve Kinberger, Human Resources Generalist II
- 3:15 5. **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
- 3:55 6. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to three (3) minutes)**
- 4:15 7. **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
- 4:45 8. **Report(s) from the Chief Procurement Officer – Richard DeLoia**
 - a. Consideration/Approval for Purchase of Mid-Size Excavator
 - b. Consideration/Approval for Purchase of Fire Ready Dozer
 - c. Consideration/Approval for Professional Services from ANM for an IT Assessment
- 5:00 9. **Report(s) from the Director of Lands & Conservation – Casey Ish**
 - a. Update on 2026 Water Leasing Program and Upcoming Enrollment Window
 - b. Consideration/Approval of 5 Year MoA with Explora - Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation and Vice Chair Baugh
 - c. Consideration/Approval of State Land Office Fee and Grant of Easement for Bernalillo to Belen (Mountain View Unit) - Right-of-Way Easement No. R-42759
 - d. Report on MRGCD Interagency Fire Coordination Meeting, April 2, 2026 – Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation and Vice Chair Baugh
- 5:20 10. **Report(s) from the Director of Technical Services – Eric Zamora, PE**
 - a. Report on Unified Fire
 - b. Maintenance and Construction Updates
- 5:40 11. **Report(s) from the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**
 - a. Report on Finance Committee Meeting, April 13, 2026 – Chair Kelly, Vice Chair Baugh, and Director Russo Baca

- b. Consideration/Approval of the Isleta Diversion Dam Settlement Liability Payment
- c. Consideration/Approval of Resolution BA-04-13-26-113 Adoption of Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (07-01-25 to 06-30-26)
- d. Consideration/Approval of the 3rd Quarter Financial Reports
- e. General Discussion on the Development of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

6:00 **12. Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO – Jason M. Casuga, P.E.**

- a. Report on Albuquerque Levee FEMA Study, Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO, Chuck Thomas, P.E., Petroglyph Consulting, LLC, and Luke Smith, P.E., Wilson & Company
- b. Report on Meeting with Pueblo of Isleta, March 11, 2026
- c. Report on Meeting with Pueblo of San Felipe, March 16, 2026
- d. Report on Meeting with Pueblo of Sandia, March 17 and 23, 2026
- e. Report on Valencia County Arroyo Flood Control District Meeting, March 19, 2026 and April 9, 2026
- f. Report on Rio Grande 6-Pueblo Coalition Meeting, April 9, 2026 – Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO and Director Russo Baca
- g. Information on Upcoming Events:
 - 1. Candelaria Nature Preserve Tree Nursery Grand Opening Event, April 14, 2026 2:00 pm: 3301 Rio Grande Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, NM
 - 2. Rio Grande Compact Commission Annual Meeting, April 17, 2026: Santa Fe, NM
 - 3. The Utton Transboundary Resources Center, Community Conversation on Water, April 18, 2026 11:00 am: Sabinal Community Center
 - 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. MRGCD’s Community and Farmers Informational Meetings 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
 - a. May 28, 2026, Sandoval County – Village of Corrales Gym
 - b. June 4, 2026, Bernalillo County – Village of Los Ranchos Village Hall
 - c. June 18, 2026, Valencia County – Village of Los Lunas Train Station Auditorium
 - d. June 24, 2026, Socorro County – City of Socorro Convention Center
 - 7. 2026 Next Generation Water Summit, June 11-12, 2026: Santa Fe, NM
 - 8. Present MRGCD’s First Quarterly Update on the Atrisco Acequia Madre Project at the Bernalillo County Commission Administrative Meeting, June 23, 2026: Albuquerque, NM

6:20 **13. Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**

6:25 **14. Board Communications of Merit**

- a. Report on Phone Call with APS Board President Ronald Tome Warito, March 5, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh
- b. Report on Phone Call with Polk Middle School Garden Teacher Travis Mckenzie, March 6, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh
- c. Report on Phone Call with Jay Rembe, March 10, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh
- d. Report on Phone Call with Village of Los Ranchos Trustee Baldwin, March 24, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh
- e. Report on Turnout Application Completed Polk Middle School Principal, March 27, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh
- f. Report on Phone Call with Polk Middle School, March 30, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh
- g. Report on Phone Call with Agri-Nature Center, April 1, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh

6:35 **15. Report(s) from the Board**

- a. Report on the Middle Rio Grande Urban Waters Spring Quarterly Meeting, March 10, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- b. Report on Urban Issues Committee Meeting, March 11, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh, Directors Dunning and Russo Baca
- c. Report on the Personnel Committee Meeting, March 12, 2026 – Chair Kelly, Directors Dunning and Russo Baca
- d. Report on the Acequia Walk and Talk, March 13, 2026 - Director Russo Baca
- e. Report on the Community Resource Fair at Garfield Middle School, March 14, 2026 – Directors Dunning and Russo Baca

- f. Report on the Los Ranchos Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, March 17, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh and Director Russo Baca
- g. Report on Village of Los Ranchos Agriculture Sub-Committee, March 18, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh
- h. Report on the VSWCD Board Meeting, March 19, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- i. Report on OSE’s Plan to Prevent the Pending Middle Rio Grande Compact Violation, March 19, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh and Director Dunning
- j. Report on the Backyard Refuge Day, March 21, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- k. Report on Red Shovel and Bosque Clean-Up Ideas for Route 66 Centennial, March 21, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh
- l. Report on the NM Water Trust Exploratory Committee Meeting, March 27, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- m. Report on the Primera Agua Celebration, March 29, 2026 – Chair Kelly, Vice Chair Baugh, Directors Dunning and Russo Baca
- n. Report on Irrigation Committee Meeting, March 30, 2026 – Directors Jiron, Lopez, and Sandoval
- o. Report on the 2026 New Mexico Spring Wetlands Roundtable, April 1, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- p. Report on the SVRAA Comisionados Meeting, April 6, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- q. Report on the 5th Annual Acequia and Land Grand Education (ALGE) Project, April 8, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh and Director Russo Baca
- r. Report on Speech at Polk Middle School with Senator Martin Heinrich, April 9, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh

6:45 **16. 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