



# Agenda

For Presentation at the  
2,235<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the  
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District



May 11, 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 – April 2026
  - b. Consideration/Approval of April 2026 Invoices for Wiggins, Williams & Wesenberg, PC
  - c. Consideration/Approval of March and April 2026 Invoices for Spencer Fane LLP
  - d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Special and Regular Board Meetings – April 13, 2026
  - e. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for April 2026 (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:05 4. **Discussion on DRAFT Resolution Concerning Priority of El Vado Storage Rights**
  - a. Report on Rio Grande 6-Pueblo Coalition Meeting, May 5, 2026 – Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO
- 3:25 5. **Report(s) from the Water Operations**
  - a. Report on Water Supply Conditions – Anne Marken, River Operations & Telemetry Manager
  - b. Consideration/Approval to store current year San Juan Chama allocation for use in the following irrigation season
  - c. Report on Water Distribution – Matt Martinez, Irrigation Distribution Manager
- 4:05 6. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to three (3) minutes)**
- 4:20 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
- 4:40 8. **Report(s) from the Director of Human Resources – Christine L. Nardi, MBA**
  - a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires
  - b. Recognition of Retiring Employees – Doug Strech, Systems and Data Integration Program Manager and Eric Zamora, Director of Technical Services
- 5:00 9. **Report(s) from the Director of Lands & Conservation – Casey Ish**
  - a. Update on 2026 Water Leasing Program – Carlos Armijo, On-Farm Water Resources Specialist
  - b. Report on Urban Issues Committee Meeting, May 7, 2026 – Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation, Amanda Molina, Director of Communications, Vice Chair Baugh, Directors Dunning and Russo Baca
  - c. Consideration/Approval of Sais Lateral Abandonment and Removal Sta. 58+60± to 66+00± – ISO Zone B13 - Belen Division – Michael Padilla, Right-of-Way Supervisor
  - d. Discussion/Approval of MoU between Ciudad Soil & Water Conservation District and MRGCD for Mutual Water Conservation Projects Access – Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation
- 5:20 10. **Report(s) from the Director of Technical Services – Eric Zamora, PE**
  - a. 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 23, 2026 – Chair Kelly, Vice Chair Baugh, and Director Russo Baca

- b. Consideration/Approval of Resolution BA-05-11-26-114 Adoption of Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (07-01-25 to 06-30-26)
- c. Consideration/Approval of Resolution BA-05-11-26-115 for the Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 (07-01-26 to 06-30-27)
- d. Report on Association of Government Accountants Conference, April 28-29, 2026 - Pamela Fanelli, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

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

- a. Report on the National Water Resources Association Federal Water Issues Conference, April 27-29, 2026, Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO, Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation, Vice Chair Baugh, and Directors Lopez and Russo Baca
- b. Report on Farmers for Future Farmers Meeting, April 14, 2026 - Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO and Director Russo Baca
- c. Report on the Annual Rio Grande Compact Commission Meeting, April 16-17, 2026 - Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO, Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation, Anne Marken, River Ops. & Telemetry Manager, Vice Chair Baugh, Directors Dunning, Sandoval and Russo Baca
- d. Report on the Water Leaders Workshop, April 20-22, 2026 - Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO, Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation, Anne Marken, River Ops. & Telemetry Manager, Brittney Erdmann, Hydrology Technician II, Vice Chair Baugh, and Director Russo Baca
- e. Information on Upcoming Events:
  - 1. Law of the Colorado River Annual Conference, May 18-19, 2026: Santa Fe, NM
  - 2. 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
  - 3. 2026 Next Generation Water Summit, June 11-12, 2026: Santa Fe, NM
  - 4. 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**

6:35 **14. Report(s) from the Board**

- a. Report on Candelaria Tree Nursey Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, April 14, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh
- b. Report on the Planning Meeting for the Belen Marsh, April 15, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- c. Report on Public Comment at APS School Board Meeting, April 15, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh
- d. Report on Meeting with APS Real Estate Team and Polk Middle School, April 22, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh
- e. Report on Valencia County Soil and Water Conservation District Earth Day Celebration, April 24, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- f. Report on Rio Grande Agricultural Land Trust Birding Tour, April 25, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- g. Report on Rio Grande Compact 101 Board of Directors Training, May 4, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh, Directors Dunning and Russo Baca
- h. Report on NM Water Trust Exploratory Committee, May 5, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- i. Report on NM Watershed & Dam Owners Coalition Conference, May 6-8, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- j. Report on Pueblo of San Felipe Feast Day, May 1, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh, Amanda Molina, Director of Communications, Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation

6:45 **15. Executive Session**

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