



Agenda

For Presentation at the
2,235th 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



MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors
Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer
From: Tarah Jaramillo, Executive Assistant
Date: May 11, 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 special and regular meeting, and for your information, a list of the approved MRGCD licenses for April.

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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	24,707.94	MARCH 2026 WITHHOLDING TAX	
		1,041.60	WORKER'S COMPENSATION FEE - QTR. 1	
EFT	DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS	9,635.15	2026 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - QTR. 1	
EFT	OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION	317.49	WITHHOLDING TAX - QTR. 1	
		339.06	MUNICIPAL TAX - QTR. 1	
		134.95	SCHOOL DISTRICT WITHHOLDING TAX - QTR. 1	
EFT	PAYROLL	372,072.14	PAY PERIOD 07	
EFT	PERA	137,053.62	PAY PERIOD 07	
EFT	IRS	51,207.57	PAY PERIOD 07	
EFT	VOYA DEFERRED COMP	8,764.49	PAY PERIOD 07	
EFT	PAYROLL	378,876.84	PAY PERIOD 08	
EFT	PERA	137,841.22	PAY PERIOD 08	
EFT	IRS	52,035.06	PAY PERIOD 08	
EFT	VOYA DEFERRED COMP	8,944.49	PAY PERIOD 08	
TOTAL PAYROLL		1,182,971.62		

157166	AWARDS ETC. LLC	(15.00)	VOIDED CHECK DATED 01.13.26
157719 - 157783	MULTIPLE VENDORS	(171,214.62)	VOIDED CHECKS DATED 03.13.26
158118	STATE OF NEW MEXICO	(123,358.21)	VOIDED CHECK DATED 04.13.26
158135	COUYON'S LAND MGMT.	(17,125.00)	VOIDED CHECK DATED 04.13.26

Checks

157893	BENAVIDEZ, CAROL	246.48	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
157894	C&E CONCRETE INC	1,900.00	CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		4,991.00	CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE	COCHITI DIVISION
157895	FEDEX	15.25	RETURN PACKAGE	GENERAL OFFICE
157896	GOMEZ, RAY	2,624.49	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
157897	HERRING, LAT	200.00	RODENT MANAGEMENT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157898	IDEAL PLUMBING	376.69	SERVICE CALL	GENERAL OFFICE
157899	LUNDMARK, MICHAEL	244.00	RODENT MANAGEMENT	BELEN DIVISION
157900	MORA, RUBEN	1,043.20	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
157901	POLING, JAMES	498.75	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
157902	QUADIENT, INC.	452.65	POSTAGE METER LEASE	GENERAL OFFICE
157903	TRUEPOINT SOLUTIONS	21,218.00	TRUEPOINT SOLUTIONS RENEWAL	ACCOUNTING
157904	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	463.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		45.87	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		31.63	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
157905	ACTION HOSE INC.	22.26	FREIGHT	SOCORRO DIVISION
		284.72	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		40.28	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		74.95	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
157906	ALBUQUERQUE BOLT	24.30	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157907	ALBUQUERQUE FREIGHT	184.74	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		204.82	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
157908	ALBUQUERQUE PUB	101.31	LEGAL NOTICES	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
157909	ALLSTATE HYDRAULICS	1,471.58	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		2,001.53	PARTS & REPAIRS - UNIT 65103	SOCORRO DIVISION
		1,972.01	PARTS & REPAIRS - UNIT 67113	SOCORRO DIVISION
157910	AMAZON CAPITAL	245.92	COMPUTER/PRINTER SUPPLIES	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
157911	ATMAX EQUIPMENT CO	62.38	FREIGHT	SOCORRO DIVISION
		394.10	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
157912	BOOT BARN	169.95	BOOT VOUCHERS	BELEN DIVISION
		144.49	BOOT VOUCHERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
157913	BUSTED STEM	161.44	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
157914	CENTURY EQUIPMENT	76.52	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		60.00	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		449.87	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		348.04	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
157915	CENTURY LINK	98.26	VOIP/INTERNET	BELEN DIVISION
157916	CONCRETE SYSTEMS INC	145.94	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	COCHITI DIVISION
157917	CONTINENTAL BATTERY	130.90	BATTERIES	COCHITI DIVISION

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Warrant	Vendor Name	Amount	Description	Location
		2,075.52	BATTERIES	INVENTORY
157918	D.R.B. ELECTRIC, INC	8,811.10	INSTALL ELECTRICAL PANEL	GENERAL OFFICE
		460.43	SERVICE CALL	GENERAL OFFICE
157919	DESERT GREENS EQUIPMENT	55.00	FREIGHT	SOCORRO DIVISION
		1,361.57	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
157920	DMC LOGISTICS	341.51	BOARD MEETING PACKET DELIVERY	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
157921	FIVE J'S AUTO PARTS	200.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
157922	FLEETPRIDE	1,867.92	PARTS & REPAIRS - UNIT 54106	BELEN DIVISION
157923	GENERAL MAILING SYS	414.00	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
157924	GENUINE NAPA	313.68	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		41.99	PARTS & REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
157925	GPS, LLC	101.77	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
157926	HACIENDA HOME CENTER	2,165.26	GROUT	INVENTORY
157927	HEIGHTS SECURITY	3,311.91	BOSQUE KEYS	INVENTORY
		394.85	GATES & FENCING	BELEN DIVISION
		66.60	GATES & FENCING	COCHITI DIVISION
157928	HUNTER BOWER LUMBER	1,286.25	LUMBER	INVENTORY
157929	IRON HORSE WELDING	31,200.00	REAR AXLE/DIFFERENTIAL - UNIT 67504	SOCORRO DIVISION
157930	IRSC	890.58	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157931	JIFFY LUBE	94.59	FLUIDS/FILTERS	EXEC TEAM
157932	JOSE M. AGUILAR J.A	246.81	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
157933	KRONOS SAASHR, INC.	1,447.93	PAYROLL & TIME KEEPING	HUMAN RESOURCES
157934	LINDE GAS	130.91	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	COCHITI DIVISION
157935	NAPA AUTO PARTS	28.18	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		349.99	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
157936	NED'S PIPE & STEEL	757.50	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
157937	NEW MEXICO TRACTOR S	6,624.47	MOWER BLADES	INVENTORY
157938	POWER EQUIPMENT	30.00	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,834.56	PARTS & REPAIRS - UNIT 47312	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157939	PREVENTIVE PEST	117.53	PEST CONTROL	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
157940	PURCELL TIRE COMPANY	297.77	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		1,256.64	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
157941	RAIN FOR RENT	39,926.80	CORRALES PUMP RENTAL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157942	RELEVANT INDUSTRIAL	69.66	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157943	RICH FORD SALES	3,795.40	PARTS & REPAIRS - UNIT 64014	SOCORRO DIVISION
157944	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	(43.20)	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		1,056.21	PARTS & REPAIRS - UNIT 44421	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157945	SAFETY FLARE INC	570.83	OFFICE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		454.55	OFFICE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	BELEN DIVISION
		247.63	OFFICE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	COCHITI DIVISION
		561.64	OFFICE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		1,061.27	OFFICE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	GENERAL OFFICE
		450.95	OFFICE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	SOCORRO DIVISION
157946	SAN ACACIA MDWCA	21.52	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	SOCORRO DIVISION
157947	SNELLING	1,995.95	TEMP STAFFING	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
157948	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	376.53	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		693.46	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
157949	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	81.00	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
157950	T & T TRAILER SERVICE	138.00	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157951	TABET LUMBER	24.95	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
157952	TAS SECURITY SYSTEMS	107.57	ALARM SOFTWARE INSTALL	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
157953	TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION	951.84	DATTO SAAS	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
157954	THOMPSON SAFETY LLC	1,860.00	FIRST AID KITS	INVENTORY
157955	TRANSCRIPTION	570.63	BOARD MINUTES & TRANSCRIPTIONS	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
157956	WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO.	4,362.45	DUMP TRUCK RENTAL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157957	AFSCME COUNCIL 18	2,279.04	PAYROLL UNION DUES	GENERAL FUND
157958	BCBS	10,610.90	DENTAL INSURANCE	GENERAL FUND
157959	BOHANNAN HUSTON	1,776.35	BELEN HIGHLINE CONSTRUCTION MGMT.	BELEN DIVISION
157960	CF PADILLA, LLC	762,750.00	LFCC PHASE II	GRANTS FUND
157961	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT	1,372.71	PAYROLL GARNISHMENTS	GENERAL FUND
157962	CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE	198,813.24	HEALTH INSURANCE	GENERAL FUND
157963	HM LIFE INSURANCE	1,460.73	VISION INSURANCE	GENERAL FUND
157964	INSCCU	472.00	PAYROLL GARNISHMENTS	GENERAL FUND
157965	LEGALSHIELD	583.55	LEGAL SHIELD	GENERAL FUND
157966	PNM	321.58	ELECTRICITY	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		551.71	ELECTRICITY	BELEN DIVISION

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157967	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	5.99	PAINT ROLLERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157968	SOCORRO COUNTY CLERK	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
157969	SOCORRO ELECTRIC	628.51	ELECTRICITY	SOCORRO DIVISION
		681.11	PUMP ELECTRICITY	SOCORRO DIVISION
157970	TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU	260.31	PAYROLL GARNISHMENTS	GENERAL FUND
157971	UNUM LIFE INSURANCE	1,852.34	LIFE/DISABILITY INSURANCE	GENERAL FUND
157972	VALENCIA COUNTY CLERK	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
157973	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	50.00	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,318.57	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		62.42	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		1,462.28	PARTS & REPAIRS - UNIT 57409	BELEN DIVISION
		74.55	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157974	ABCWUA	912.53	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		360.23	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		720.36	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	GENERAL OFFICE
157975	ACOSTA EQUIPMENT INC	115.98	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
157976	ACTION HOSE INC.	80.84	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		256.03	PARTS & REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
157977	ALBUQUERQUE FREIGHT	243.51	FLUIDS/FILTERS	BELEN DIVISION
		3.16	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
157978	ALBUQUERQUE PUB	85.77	LEGAL NOTICES	PURCHASING
157979	AMAZON CAPITAL	71.98	OFFICE SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		29.44	OFFICE SUPPLIES	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		55.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157980	BUSTED STEM	295.97	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157981	C & C SERVICES	2,207.22	ROCK/GRAVEL/BASE MATERIAL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157982	CASTLE BRANCH, INC.	837.20	EMPLOYMENT SCREENING	HUMAN RESOURCES
157983	CENTURY LINK	103.30	VOIP/INTERNET	BELEN DIVISION
157984	CHAVEZ, MANUEL	120.00	RODENT MANAGEMENT	SOCORRO DIVISION
157985	CINTAS FIRST AID	18.88	SAFETY SUPPLIES	COCHITI DIVISION
		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
157986	CITY OF BELEN	1,061.97	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	BELEN DIVISION
157987	CONTINENTAL BATTERY	330.60	BATTERIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157988	CRITTERS OIL CHANGE	165.00	FLUIDS/FILTERS	BELEN DIVISION
		170.00	FLUIDS/FILTERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
157989	DESERT GREENS EQUIPMENT	81.25	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
157990	DOUBLE H AUTO INC.	202.37	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
157991	ENCHANTMENT SAFETY A	808.20	CONCRETE GLOVES	INVENTORY
157992	ESI, INC.	4,747.75	FIRE RISK MODELING	LANDS & CONSERVATION
157993	EXPRESS AUTO GLASS	300.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		2,000.00	WINDOW TINT	BELEN DIVISION
		600.00	WINDSHIELD REPLACEMENT	BELEN DIVISION
157994	FLEETPRIDE	109.27	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
157995	GENUINE NAPA	62.14	FLUIDS/FILTERS	BELEN DIVISION
		450.17	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		1,171.92	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		119.98	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	BELEN DIVISION
157996	GEOTEL CORPORATION	1,214.58	ANNUAL PRESS CLIPPING SERVICE	COMMUNICATIONS
157997	GILBERT GARCIA & SON	10.00	OFFICE SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
157998	GPS, LLC	132.30	FLUIDS/FILTERS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		24.23	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		323.30	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
157999	GRANITE SEED COMPANY	28,750.00	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	GRANTS FUND
158000	INLAND KENWORTH INC.	509.95	FLUIDS/FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		50.91	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158001	IRON HORSE WELDING	50.00	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		10,372.32	PARTS & REPAIRS - UNIT 44412	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158002	JIFFY LUBE	37.53	EMISSIONS TESTS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		75.06	EMISSIONS TESTS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		132.88	FLUIDS/FILTERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158003	JIVE COMMUNICATIONS,	2,594.23	VOIP/INTERNET	GENERAL OFFICE
158004	JOHN THOMPSON CONSUL	11,756.25	LOBBYIST SERVICES	GENERAL FUND
158005	JOSE M. AGUILAR J.A	300.75	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION

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158006	LA LUZ CART-AWAY	9,514.24	CMP PIPE	INVENTORY
158007	MAINTENANCE SERVICE	414.10	JANITORIAL SERVICE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		2,036.03	JANITORIAL SERVICE	GENERAL OFFICE
158008	MCT INDUSTRIES, INC.	377.82	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		50.51	PARTS & REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158009	MESA OIL, INC	156.60	HERBICIDE/FLUIDS DISPOSAL	BELEN DIVISION
		162.70	HERBICIDE/FLUIDS DISPOSAL	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158010	NAPA AUTO PARTS	183.43	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		4.69	PARTS & REPAIRS	ENGINEERING
		340.00	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	COCHITI DIVISION
158011	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	69.39	NATURAL GAS	BELEN DIVISION
158012	NEW MEXICO TRACTOR S	2,029.98	SPRAY TANK	COCHITI DIVISION
158013	NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS	84,146.00	HERBICIDE & SURFACTANT	INVENTORY
158014	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	116.24	PHYSICALS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		116.24	PHYSICALS	BELEN DIVISION
		261.54	PHYSICALS	COCHITI DIVISION
158015	PACIFIC OFFICE AUTO	110.56	COPIER LEASE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		68.44	COPIER LEASE	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		347.45	COPIER LEASE	GENERAL OFFICE
		121.80	COPIER LEASE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		75.40	COPIER LEASE	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		382.80	COPIER LEASE	GENERAL OFFICE
158016	PARTS AUTHORITY	1,583.07	BALDWIN FILTERS	INVENTORY
158017	PENA BLANCA SANIT	94.19	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	COCHITI DIVISION
158018	POWER EQUIPMENT	85.00	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		3,581.24	PARTS & REPAIRS - UNIT 47312	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158019	POWER FORD	464.61	PARTS & REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158020	PURCELL TIRE COMPANY	2,076.64	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		218.87	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		28.66	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	WATER OPERATIONS
158021	RANDY'S ACE HARDWARE	29.92	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
158022	RED SHOVEL LLC	843.63	LANDSCAPE MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	GENERAL OFFICE
158023	ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH CORPS	37,780.79	BOSQUE HABITAT RESTORATION	GRANTS FUND
158024	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	125.00	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		75.00	FREIGHT	SOCORRO DIVISION
		68.52	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		291.38	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		1,804.09	PARTS & REPAIRS- UNIT 54420	BELEN DIVISION
158025	SNELLING	3,610.86	TEMP STAFFING	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
158026	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	234.06	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		151.09	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		229.11	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	WATER OPERATIONS
158027	SOUTHWEST CONSTRUCTION	551.86	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		53.46	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
158028	SOUTHWEST LANDFILL	7,026.55	LANDFILL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		770.11	LANDFILL	BELEN DIVISION
158029	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	49.95	OFFICE SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		51.41	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
158030	TAS SECURITY SYSTEMS	40.24	SECURITY SERVICES	BELEN DIVISION
		132.51	SECURITY SERVICES	GENERAL OFFICE
158031	TECHNA GLASS	43.04	WINDSHIELD REPAIR	COCHITI DIVISION
158032	TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION	2,245.83	DATTO CLOUD	GENERAL FUND
		68,352.37	MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 RENEWAL	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
158033	THOMPSON SECURITY	96.70	SECURITY SERVICES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158034	UNICOR	270.48	SHRED BINS PICKUP	ACCOUNTING
158035	VERIZON CONNECT	5,354.88	GPS MONTHLY SERVICE	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158036	WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO.	18.34	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		3,459.09	PARTS & REPAIRS - UNIT 47309	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		43.88	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158037	WEX BANK	121,723.42	FUEL MAR26	MULTIPLE DEPTS/DIVISIONS
158038	BENAVIDEZ, CAROL	246.48	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
158039	FORRESTER AND ASSOC	41,705.03	NEW BELEN PHASE 3	GRANTS FUND
158040	GALLOPING GOAT	4,904.75	BIG HOLE FIRE PROJECT	GRANTS FUND
		17,229.27	CEMETERY FIRE BURN SCAR	GRANTS FUND
158041	GENSLER, DAVID	779.23	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
158042	HOME DEPOT CREDIT	729.00	BAND SAW	SOCORRO DIVISION

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		1,246.94	MISC CONSTRUCTION TOOLS/PARTS	BELEN DIVISION
		469.96	SECURITY SERVICES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		317.61	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		9.97	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		261.94	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	BELEN DIVISION
		165.64	SWAMP COOLER PANELS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158043	MARQUEZ, DENNIS M	940.03	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
158044	NEW MEXICO MUTUAL	1,144.79	WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIMS	GENERAL FUND
		15,562.00	WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE	GENERAL FUND
158045	PHILIPS, DEANNA	174.07	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
158046	PNM	37.47	ELECTRICITY	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		23.57	ELECTRICITY	BELEN DIVISION
		300.30	ELECTRICITY	COCHITI DIVISION
158047	POLING, JAMES	498.75	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
158048	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	54.06	HYDROLOGY/WATER OPS SUPPLIES	WATER OPERATIONS
		329.77	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
158049	RIO GRANDE AGRICULTURAL	2,500.00	SPONSORSHIP-RGALT BIRD TOUR	GENERAL FUND
158050	UNUM LIFE INSURANCE	11,655.82	LIFE/DISABILITY INSURANCE	GENERAL FUND
158051	VALENCIA COUNTY CLER	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
158052	VILLAGE OF CORRALES	375.00	FACILITY RENTAL FEE	GENERAL FUND
158053	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	107.59	FLUIDS/FILTERS	COCHITI DIVISION
		108.72	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		50.88	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		276.61	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
158054	ACOSTA EQUIPMENT INC	577.37	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158055	ACTION HOSE INC.	23.71	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
158056	ALBUQUERQUE FREIGHT	130.35	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158057	ALBUQUERQUE SEWING	300.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158058	ALLSTATE HYDRAULICS	1,688.42	R&R HYDRAULIC CYLINDER	BELEN DIVISION
158059	AMAZON CAPITAL	22.49	SAFETY SUPPLIES	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
158060	BJW VENTURES, LLC	195.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158061	BRUCKNER TRUCK SALES	703.51	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158062	BUSTED STEM	269.06	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158063	CENTURY EQUIPMENT	46.90	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		658.05	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158064	CONTINENTAL BATTERY	153.71	BATTERIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158065	CRITTERS OIL CHANGE	340.00	FLUIDS/FILTERS	BELEN DIVISION
158066	DESERT GARDENS	19,192.50	FIELD MAINTENANCE	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
		48,793.50	LOG CLEARING	GRANTS FUND
158067	DESERT GREENS EQUIPMENT	4,468.99	MISC. JOHN DEERE ROLLER PARTS	COCHITI DIVISION
		234.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		312.00	RESTOCKING FEE	COCHITI DIVISION
158068	FINANCE AUTHORITY	41,806.96	DEBT SERVICE EQUIPMENT	DEBT SERVICE
158069	FLEETPRIDE	75.00	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		27.39	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		2,385.79	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158070	GILBERT GARCIA & SON	72.54	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
158071	GPS, LLC	182.01	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
158072	GRAINGER	51.66	HYDROLOGY/WATER OPS SUPPLIES	WATER OPERATIONS
158073	HI-LINE ELECTRIC CO.	34.48	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		326.67	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
158074	IDEAL PLUMBING	160.28	SERVICE CALL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158075	IMSCO DIVISION	2,707.50	07 KEYS	INVENTORY
158076	INLAND KENWORTH INC.	125.00	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		151.57	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158077	IRON HORSE WELDING	14,230.07	DIAGNOSE & REPAIR 2014 JD GRADER	SOCORRO DIVISION
158078	JIFFY LUBE	37.53	EMISSIONS TEST	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		67.56	FLUIDS/FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		70.72	FLUIDS/FILTERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158079	JOSE M. AGUILAR J.A	719.31	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158080	KRONOS SAASHR, INC.	1,461.70	PAYROLL & TIME KEEPING	HUMAN RESOURCES
158081	LANFORD EXCAVATION	7,734.84	FIRE CLEANUP	LANDS & CONSERVATION
158082	LARRY H. MILLER	46.06	PARTS & REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158083	LINDE GAS	180.78	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		60.40	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158084	LOPEZ PRECISION, LLC	8,579.69	FIELD MAINTENANCE	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT

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158085	MUCHMORE CUSTOM	3,500.00	DOORS, WINDOWS- JD TRACTOR	BELEN DIVISION
158086	NAPA AUTO PARTS	160.30	FLUIDS/FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		13.35	FLUIDS/FILTERS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		13.40	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		68.79	PARTS & REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		31.20	PARTS & REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		115.89	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		39.26	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	COCHITI DIVISION
158087	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	102.04	FLUIDS/FILTERS	COCHITI DIVISION
		181.21	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		39.18	SAFETY SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		39.18	SAFETY SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
158088	ORTEGA'S PROPANE SER	119.90	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		132.50	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	COCHITI DIVISION
158089	POWER FORD	261.57	PARTS & REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158090	PRINT EXPRESS	51.00	OFFICE SUPPLIES	LANDS & CONSERVATION
158091	RAIN FOR RENT	66,939.87	CORRALES PUMP RENTAL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158092	RANDY'S ACE HARDWARE	58.09	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
158093	RELIANCE STEEL #12	3,900.62	METAL ORDER	INVENTORY
158094	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	241.31	FLUIDS/FILTERS	BELEN DIVISION
		39.66	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		151.96	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158095	RUSH TRUCK CENTERS	1,091.25	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158096	SAN ACACIA MDWCA	21.53	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	SOCORRO DIVISION
158097	SANDOVAL COUNTY LAND	357.34	LANDFILL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158098	SELECT PROPERTIES	227.41	FEEDER 3 PROJECT	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
158099	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	689.73	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158100	SOUTHWEST CONSTRUCTION	959.94	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		57.12	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
158101	SPECIALTY COMMUNICATIONS	355.16	MONTHLY RADIO REPEATER	WATER OPERATIONS
158102	TABET LUMBER	76.54	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
158103	TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION	957.52	DATTO SAAS	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
158104	WASTE MANAGEMENT	315.87	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	COCHITI DIVISION
158105	WILLIAMS WINDMILL	12.00	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
158106	AFSCME COUNCIL 18	2,279.04	PAYROLL UNION DUES	GENERAL FUND
158107	BOHANNAN HUSTON	1,161.04	ACEQUIA MADRE CM	GRANTS FUND
158108	BOHANNAN HUSTON	5,055.06	BELEN HIGHLINE OVERFLOW DESIGN	BELEN DIVISION
158109	BOHANNAN HUSTON	4,140.06	LORETTA RD / ALAMEDA INTERSECTION	GRANTS FUND
158110	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT	1,372.71	PAYROLL GARNISHMENTS	GENERAL FUND
158111	CITY OF SOCORRO	447.86	NATURAL GAS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		250.80	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	SOCORRO DIVISION
158112	CITY OF SOCORRO	500.00	DAMAGE DEPOSIT	GENERAL FUND
158113	CITY OF SOCORRO	300.00	CONVENTION CENTER RENTAL FEE	GENERAL FUND
158114	INSCCU	472.00	PAYROLL GARNISHMENTS	GENERAL FUND
158115	MRGCD PETTY CASH EA	43.39	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
158116	NM WATERSHED AND DAM	500.00	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION NMWDOC	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
158117	PNM	74.06	ELECTRICITY	BELEN DIVISION
158119	TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU	260.31	PAYROLL GARNISHMENTS	GENERAL FUND
158120	WATER STRATEGIES	10,000.00	FEDERAL CONSULTING	GENERAL FUND
158121	WIGGINS, WILLIAMS	14,996.47	LEGAL SERVICES	GENERAL FUND
158122	WILSON & COMPANY	53,986.89	CORRALES CONSTRUCTION ADMIN.	GRANTS FUND
158123	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	27.33	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,353.57	PARTS & REPAIRS - UNIT 57027	BELEN DIVISION
		324.50	PARTS & REPAIRS - UNIT 57118	BELEN DIVISION
158124	ACTION HOSE INC.	149.18	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		633.50	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		281.78	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
158125	AGA NM CHAPTER	1,340.00	2026 PDT - ACCOUNTING	ACCOUNTING
		335.00	2026 PDT - ACCOUNTING	EXEC TEAM
158126	ALBUQUERQUE BOLT	256.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158127	ALBUQUERQUE PUB	566.95	LEGAL NOTICES	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
158128	AMAZON CAPITAL	13.83	COMPUTER/PRINTER SUPPLIES	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		49.76	OFFICE SUPPLIES	HUMAN RESOURCES
		267.96	PARTS & REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		802.49	PLOTTER	SOCORRO DIVISION
158129	BOOT BARN	305.98	BOOT VOUCHERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV

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158130	BRUCKNER TRUCK SALES	136.94	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158131	BUSTED STEM	279.83	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158132	CBI, INC.	563.75	BASIN STUDY AG COMMITTEE	GRANTS FUND
158133	CONCRETE SYSTEMS INC	83.14	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158134	CONTINENTAL BATTERY	238.99	BATTERIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158136	CRITTERS OIL CHANGE	340.00	FLUIDS/FILTERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158137	DOUBLE H AUTO INC.	143.88	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		47.18	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
158138	ENCHANTMENT SAFETY A	593.56	CONCRETE GLOVES	INVENTORY
158139	FINANCE AUTHORITY	76,061.98	DEBT SERVICE EQUIPMENT	DEBT SERVICE
158140	FIRST CHOICE COFFEE	148.35	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
158141	GENUINE NAPA	232.48	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158142	HUNTER BOWER LUMBER	863.04	CONCRETE	INVENTORY
		3,870.75	LUMBER SUPPLIES	INVENTORY
158143	IRON HORSE WELDING	95.00	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		590.68	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158144	JIFFY LUBE	37.53	EMISSIONS TEST	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		37.53	EMISSIONS TEST	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		75.67	FLUIDS/FILTERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		134.46	FLUIDS/FILTERS	WATER OPERATIONS
158145	LINDE GAS	340.29	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158146	MCT INDUSTRIES, INC.	44.48	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		251.88	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		661.67	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158147	NAPA AUTO PARTS	15.60	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		22.92	SAFETY SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		16.35	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158148	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	124.16	NATURAL GAS	COCHITI DIVISION
158149	NEW MEXICO TRACTOR S	1,178.11	PARTS & REPAIRS - UNIT 47023	SOCORRO DIVISION
158150	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	78.36	SAFETY SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
158151	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	72.00	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		825.84	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,231.20	PARTS & REPAIRS - UNIT 54421	BELEN DIVISION
158152	SANTA FE MOTOR SPORT	18,147.00	2026 KAWASAKI MULE	COCHITI DIVISION
158153	SELECT PROPERTIES	750.00	REFUND FOR LICENSES	GENERAL FUND
158154	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	369.20	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		916.44	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158155	SOUTHWEST CONSTRUCTION	5,090.24	PARTS & REPAIRS - UNIT 67504	SOCORRO DIVISION
158156	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	106.48	COMPUTER/PRINTER SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		48.60	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
		11.47	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GIS/MAPPING
		44.31	OFFICE SUPPLIES	HUMAN RESOURCES
		21.70	OFFICE SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
158157	TRANSCRIPTION	905.20	BOARD MINUTES & TRANSCRIPTIONS	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
158158	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	2,001.83	TIME & ATTENDANCE IMPLEMENTATION	HUMAN RESOURCES
158159	ULINE, INC.	740.00	ELECTRIC DRUM PUMP	SOCORRO DIVISION
		32.06	FREIGHT	SOCORRO DIVISION
158160	UNIFORMS & MORE LLC	349.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	ENGINEERING
		125.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	LANDS & CONSERVATION
158161	VALLEY FENCE	1,361.99	SERVICE CALL /GATE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158162	ZAP ELECTRIC LLC	7,015.37	SAN ACACIA PROJECT	SOCORRO DIVISION
158163	STATE OF NEW MEXICO	123,358.21	RIGHT -OF -EASEMENT NO. R-42759	LONG-TERM ASSETS
158164	AUI INC	712,131.06	FEEDER 3 PROJECT	GRANTS FUND
158165	AWARDS ETC. LLC	15.00	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
158166	BERNALILLO COUNTY CL	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
158167	GAMBOA, JOSHUA	204.14	TRAVEL REIMB. -TYLER CONNECT 2026	ACCOUNTING
158168	JIMENEZ, CRISTIAN	143.79	TRAVEL REIMB. -TYLER CONNECT 2026	ACCOUNTING
158169	NEW MEXICO GAS CO	37.79	NATURAL GAS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		69.47	NATURAL GAS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		46.08	NATURAL GAS	GENERAL OFFICE
158170	PNM	847.17	ELECTRICITY	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		263.30	ELECTRICITY	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		1,113.42	ELECTRICITY	GENERAL OFFICE
158171	SANCHEZ DEMOLITION	1,825,063.90	SOCORRO CHANNEL LINING PROJECT	GRANTS FUND
158172	SOCORRO ELECTRIC	233.86	ELECTRICITY	SOCORRO DIVISION
158173	THOMPSON, REBECCA	126.50	TRAVEL REIMB. -TYLER CONNECT 2026	ACCOUNTING

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158174	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT	55.00	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		837.69	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		(35.37)	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158175	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	1,053.30	WINDOW CLEANER/OILS	INVENTORY
158176	ALBUQUERQUE BOLT	31.90	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		2.00	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158177	ALBUQUERQUE PUB	145.75	LEGAL NOTICES	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		78.43	LEGAL NOTICES	PURCHASING
158178	ALLSTATE HYDRAULICS	968.83	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158179	AMAZON CAPITAL	447.12	COMPUTER/PRINTER SUPPLIES	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		323.86	SAFETY SUPPLIES	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
158180	ATMAX EQUIPMENT CO	56.64	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		389.50	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158181	BOOT BARN	200.00	BOOT VOUCHERS	BELEN DIVISION
158182	BUSTED STEM	335.59	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158183	C&E CONCRETE INC	2,043.00	CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		2,932.00	CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE	BELEN DIVISION
158184	CARRILLO, RALPH	104.49	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
158185	CENTURY EQUIPMENT	55.00	FREIGHT	COCHITI DIVISION
		(401.44)	PARTS & REPAIRS CREDIT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		185.94	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		964.76	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		215.25	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		100.36	RESTOCKING FEE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158186	CHOICE STEEL COMPANY	1,245.53	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158187	CONSTRUCTION RENTAL	25.00	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		168.82	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,665.22	STIHL	INVENTORY
158188	CONTINENTAL BATTERY	153.71	BATTERIES	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158189	COUYON'S LAND MGMT.	17,125.00	HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION	GRANTS FUND
158190	CRAIG INDEPENDENT	51.50	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		3,452.00	TIRES	INVENTORY
158191	CRITTERS OIL CHANGE	85.00	FLUIDS/FILTERS	BELEN DIVISION
		85.00	FLUIDS/FILTERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158192	DESERT GREENS EQUIPMENT	78.00	FREIGHT	SOCORRO DIVISION
		(40.20)	PARTS & REPAIRS CREDIT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		420.93	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		(212.54)	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		2,946.72	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		63.76	RESTOCKING FEE	COCHITI DIVISION
158193	EXPRESS AUTO GLASS	500.00	GLASS REPLACEMENT & TINT	BELEN DIVISION
		675.00	WINDOW TINT	BELEN DIVISION
		200.00	WINDOW TINT	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
		400.00	WINDOW TINT AND STRIP	BELEN DIVISION
		400.00	WINDSHIELD INSTALLATIONS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,600.00	WINDSHIELD REPLACEMENT & RE-TINT	BELEN DIVISION
158194	FIRST CHOICE COFFEE	288.17	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
158195	GENUINE NAPA	468.91	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158196	GEOTECH ENVIRONMENTAL	4,629.44	PRESSURE TRANSDUCER	INVENTORY
158197	GM PIPE, LLC	25,000.00	CMP PIPE	INVENTORY
158198	GOMEZ, RAY	2,624.49	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
158199	HEIGHTS SECURITY	10.35	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158200	HIGH DESERT INDUSTRI	170.64	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
158201	JARAMILLO, DANNY A.	2,159.12	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
158202	JIFFY LUBE	102.70	FLUIDS/FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		75.67	FLUIDS/FILTERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158203	JOSE M. AGUILAR J.A	173.46	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		435.59	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		198.27	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158204	LANFORD EXCAVATION	27,205.31	ROAD REPAIR	GRANTS FUND
158205	MAXIMIZED WATER MGMT	31,583.00	LONG REACH RAKE	SOCORRO DIVISION
158206	MCBRIDE'S INC	269.26	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158207	MCSWEENEY, JUDITH	166.34	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
158208	MCT INDUSTRIES, INC.	47.50	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		583.34	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158209	MONTANO, THERESA	408.00	RODENT MANAGEMENT	BELEN DIVISION

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Warrant	Vendor Name	Amount	Description	Location
158210	MORA, RUBEN	1,043.20	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
158211	NAPA AUTO PARTS	176.45	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		25.79	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158212	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	317.75	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		34.27	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		88.51	PARTS & REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		17.09	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158213	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	116.24	PHYSICALS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		81.80	PHYSICALS	BELEN DIVISION
		320.74	PHYSICALS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158214	POWER EQUIPMENT	188.56	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		65.00	FREIGHT	SOCORRO DIVISION
		499.78	MISC. PARTS/SUPPLIES	INVENTORY
		4,058.93	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,494.20	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
158215	POWER FORD	167.68	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158216	PRECISION SURVEYS	6,845.95	BOUNDARY SURVEY	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
158217	RANCHERO BUILDERS	49.95	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
158218	RANDY'S ACE HARDWARE	34.98	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
		83.19	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		101.09	SAFETY SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
		119.99	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
158219	RELIANCE STEEL #12	5,419.10	METAL	INVENTORY
158220	ROADSAFE TRAFFIC	278.90	SAFETY SUPPLIES	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
158221	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	150.00	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,222.97	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		84.49	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
158222	SNELLING	2,449.58	TEMP STAFFING	RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT
158223	SOUTHERN TIRE MART	1,800.00	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		1,609.76	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158224	SOUTHWEST SEWER SERV	5,437.88	VACTOR TRUCK SERVICES	BELEN DIVISION
158225	SPECIALTY COMMUNICATIONS	177.58	MONTHLY RADIO REPEATER	WATER OPERATIONS
158226	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	115.38	COMPUTER/PRINTER SUPPLIES	COCHITI DIVISION
		12.19	OFFICE SUPPLIES	COCHITI DIVISION
		36.47	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
		156.72	OFFICE SUPPLIES	HUMAN RESOURCES
158227	TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	6,434.40	MOWER BLADES	INVENTORY
		7,496.05	MOWER PARTS	INVENTORY
158228	UNIFIRST CORP	314.40	MECHANIC/WELDER UNIFORMS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		412.93	MECHANIC/WELDER UNIFORMS	BELEN DIVISION
		110.22	MECHANIC/WELDER UNIFORMS	COCHITI DIVISION
		389.83	MECHANIC/WELDER UNIFORMS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		132.72	MECHANIC/WELDER UNIFORMS	SOCORRO DIVISION
158229	UNIFORMS & MORE LLC	93.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		213.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	BELEN DIVISION
158230	WILLIAMS WINDMILL	355.28	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
Credit Card Payment				
900082	WELLS FARGO BANK	3,990.74	CONNECT TEAM ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		34.28	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	GRANTS FUND
		163.48	GODADDY RENEWAL	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		846.78	HOTEL 2026 NM PUBLIC PROCUREMENT	PURCHASING
		710.88	HOTEL 2026 TYLER CONNECT	ACCOUNTING
		10.62	NAME PLATES/FRAMES	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		350.30	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
		257.03	OFFICE SUPPLIES	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		1.75	PARKING METER FEE - E. ZAMORA	EXEC TEAM
		1,990.00	LAW OF THE RIO GRANDE 2026	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		1,990.00	LAW OF THE RIO GRANDE 2026	EXEC TEAM
		199.00	NEXT GENERATION WATER SUMMIT	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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		165.00	VOIP/INTERNET	BELEN DIVISION
		65.00	VOIP/INTERNET	COCHITI DIVISION
		65.00	VOIP/INTERNET	CONTRACT PAYMENTS
		165.00	VOIP/INTERNET	SOCORRO DIVISION
		1.08	ZENDESK TALK USAGE SUBSCRIPTION	INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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

APRIL 13, 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

STAFF

John P. Kelly, Chair	Present	Jason Casuga	Chief Engineer/CEO
Colin T. Baugh, Vice Chair	Present	Lorna Wiggins	General Counsel
Brian Jiron, Director	Absent	Jeff Weschler	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

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

14 Director Dunning led the Pledge of Allegiance at today's meeting.

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16 Chairman Kelly declared a quorum, and the meeting was publicly noticed. This meeting was a
17 hybrid meeting with no Directors attending virtually. Rollcall votes will not be necessary for
18 regular motions.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

22 Director Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA.**
23 Seconded by Director Lopez. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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25 Director Sandoval made the **MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 2:04**
26 **pm.** Seconded by Director Russo Baca. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting
27 yes. The **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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38 Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION at 2:58**
39 **pm.** Seconded by Director Russo Baca. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting
40 yes. The **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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 42 Director Russo Baca stated items discussed in Executive Session were only those noticed on
 43 the agenda and no decisions were made, except for directing Legal Counsel to work with the
 44 Chief Engineer/CEO.

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 47 With no further comments, questions, or concerns, Chairman Kelly adjourned the meeting
 48 at 2:59 pm.

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 50 Approved to be the correct Minutes of the Board of Directors of April 13, 2026.

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 53 **ATTESTED:**

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 59 Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
 Secretary/Treasurer

John P. Kelly, Chairman
 MRGCD Board of Directors

**MINUTES OF THE
2,234th REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

APRIL 13, 2026

Directors having been duly notified; Chairman Kelly called the regular meeting to order at 3:11 pm. The following Directors and Staff were present:

DIRECTORS

STAFF

John P. Kelly, Chair	Present	Jason Casuga	Chief Engineer/CEO
Colin T. Baugh, Vice Chair	Present	Lorna Wiggins	General Counsel
Brian Jiron, Director	Present	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
Micheal 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

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

Anne Marken, MRGCD	Santiago Candelaria	Gwen Baldwin, Trustee LR
Matt Martinez, MRGCD	Paul Torres, Tome	Vincent Sanchez, LR
Richard DeLoia, MRGCD	Cecilia Rosacker	Rosa Chavez
Angel Madera, MRGCD	Barbara Baca, Bernalillo Co.	Chuck Thomas, PC
Antoinette Ramos, MRGCD	Luke Smith, Wilson & Co.	Rosa Chavez
Kim Ward, MRGCD	Patrick Taber, BIA	Katrina Gallegos
Jo Strange, MRGCD	Santiago Maestas, SVRAA	Martin Haynes

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Gwen Baldwin, Village of Los Ranchos Trustee, 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 with Director Jiron attending virtually. Rollcall votes will be necessary for regular motions.

AGENDA ITEM NO.2 - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA .

Chairman Kelly asked to remove Item 3(c) and remove his name from 15(m), as he was not able to attend the Primera Agua Celebration.

Director Lopez made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA WITH THE ABOVE CHANGES**. Seconded by Director Russo Baca. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

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

40 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 - CONSENT AGENDA**

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- 42 a. Consideration/Approval of Payment Ratification – March 2026
- 43 b. Consideration/Approval of March 2026 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams &
- 44 Wesenberg, PC
- 45 ~~c. Consideration/Approval of March 2026 Invoices for Spencer Fane LLP~~
- 46 d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – February
- 47 9, 2026
- 48 e. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Special Board Meetings - March 16,
- 49 2025
- 50 f. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for March 2026 (For Informational Purposes
- 51 Only)

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53 Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

54 Seconded by Director Russo Baca. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes.

55 The **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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59 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - REPORT(S) FROM THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES -**

60 Christine Nardi, MBA

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- 62 a. **Employee Recognition to Kim Ward - Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation**
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- 64 Mr. Ish recognized Kim Ward, Right-of-Way Specialist, with an Excellence Performance
- 65 Award.



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68 Chairman Kelly thanked Ms. Ward on behalf of the Board for all her hard work.

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70 **b. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires - Steven Kinberger, Human Resources**
 71 **Generalist II**

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 73 Mr. Kinberger introduced MRGCD new hires and staffing changes, including two ISO II
 74 promotions, a new On-farm Water Resources Specialist, and two new ISOs at the
 75 General Office, a transition from Heavy Equipment Operator to ISO in the Cochiti
 76 Division, and a new mechanic and Field Maintenance Technician in the Belen Division.
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78 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 - REPORT(S) FROM THE WATER OPERATIONS**

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

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 83 Ms. Marken reported on water supply conditions. She stated the irrigation season has
 84 started with below average snowpack and they have sustained above average
 85 temperatures that have rapidly accelerated the snowmelt. She noted this March was the
 86 warmest on record and snowpack relevant to the Middle Valley supply is mostly gone.
 87 She displayed a hydrograph from the NRCS Cumbres Trestle SNOTEL site, showing .5
 88 inches of snow water equivalent compared to a median of 24 inches for the state, which
 89 is the lowest they have ever seen at that particular site for this date. She added those
 90 numbers are pretty consistent across most of the SNOTEL sites within the basin. She
 91 stated flows at the Otowi Gage are below 600 CFS and falling, and average flows there
 92 at this time are usually closer to 1300 CFS. Today's release from the Cochiti was about
 93 480 CFS and 50 of that is the Water Authority San Juan Chama Water. She said
 94 agricultural and conveyance demand is about 600 CFS, leaving 170 CFS supply deficit
 95 today. Ms. Marken voiced initial channel drying occurred on March 25th, which usually
 96 occurs in late May or June. She added 31 miles of the Santa Acacia Reach is dry and
 97 drying in the Isleta Reach is imminent, which will make river conditions are highly
 98 unstable, causing fluctuations that complicate the Army Corps of Engineers operation of
 99 Cochiti Reservoir and the ability to accurately forecast their operations at the dam. She
 100 noted instability in the river from the Water Authority operations as well. The District will
 101 not be able to store any native Rio Grande Water for Middle Valley use this year and the
 102 only storage water available will be the 2026 San Juan Chama allocation, expected to be
 103 about 40% of a full allocation, equivalent to 8,000 acre feet. They are expecting to
 104 receive 2,000 of the allocation on April 15th, and the other 6,000 is expected to be
 105 received over the next couple of months. Ms. Marken recommended returning to the
 106 District's pre-2020 practice of reserving the current year San Juan Chama allocation for
 107 use in the following irrigation season, as it would provide greater certainty, available
 108 supply, and allow MRGCD to have a meaningful amount of water for release when
 109 needed. She expressed that the NWS weekly forecast is showing near average
 110 temperatures, with the potential for a mild freeze this weekend, as well as some chances
 111 for precipitation tonight and into tomorrow. The seasonal outlook indicates above
 112 average temperatures and below average precipitation through June, and the summer
 113 seasonal outlook also is showing above average temperatures, but good chances for
 114 above average precipitation. She said irrigators need to prepare for a more challenging
 115 water supply year than 2025.
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117 *See also Appendix I.*

118
 119 Mr. Casuga clarified this allocation is the full San Juan Chama Project. He pointed out
 120 they are rolling with 1,000 CFS out of Cochiti right now. He said talking about a flow rate
 121 of 480 CFS in April means they are experiencing the struggle of managing through the

122 hottest time of the year, but they are not even to July yet, and it will get worse if it does
 123 not rain. However, Ms. Marken is a skilled river operations expert, and their situation
 124 would be worse without her influence into their federal partners and decision making.

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 126 Director Dunning asked if the Water Authority operates under a rule that determines
 127 when they will switch to wells.

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 129 Ms. Marken answered yes. She added they have to have a certain flow rate at the
 130 Central Gage to continue diverting water from the river but once flows through the
 131 Albuquerque Reach start to decline, they have to switch to wells.

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 133 Vice Chair Baugh inquired when their spring runoff was with this warm temperature.

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 135 Ms. Marken responded they did not really see it translate into the Middle Valley because
 136 the peak was kind of scraped off by some storage upstream and Colorado came online,
 137 but she felt they probably would have seen the peak flows at the end of March if there
 138 was no human influence.

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 140 Vice Chair Baugh suggested having more coordination with some of the agencies like
 141 the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Utility Water Authority in these harder times.

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 143 Mr. Casuga stated ABCWA is trying to serve their constituents too, but these are water
 144 scenarios that nobody is prepared for. He said they have raised these questions to them
 145 and they have agreed to do some modeling to see if their actions under these lower
 146 conditions can be modified to even things out.

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 148 Chairman Kelly recommended talking about the San Juan Chama allocation suggestion
 149 at the May meeting.

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 151 **b. Report on Water Distribution - Matt Martinez, Irrigation Distribution Manager**

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 153 Mr. Martinez reported they are six weeks into the 2026 Irrigation Season and already
 154 facing significant water supply shortages, which they anticipated and is the reason they
 155 started with rotational deliveries. He said startup operations and initial irrigation
 156 deliveries progressed steadily until March 20th, when river flows dropped below the
 157 amount needed to meet diversion demands and required river bypass flows. He noted
 158 they had a brief uptick in flow after a storm on April 1st, which provided a temporary
 159 boost to diversions and allowed them to expand deliveries for several days, but some
 160 irrigators declined due to it being on Easter weekend, and some laterals were limited by
 161 wind events from the storm. He shared they are continuing to operate under a rotational
 162 delivery system across all divisions, with Socorro Division completing a second rotation
 163 and preparing for a third. In Belen Division, they experienced infrastructure setbacks on
 164 both sides of the river which caused uneven progress, but some canals are completing
 165 first rotations, while others working through or completing their second round. In the
 166 Albuquerque Division, they completed one rotation and starting on a second in the South
 167 Valley, and just completed their first rotation in the North Valley. Bernalillo Division just
 168 completed a second delivery cycle and Cochiti Division has largely completed an initial
 169 delivery cycle and working toward a second. He stated conditions remain constrained by
 170 pumping capacity in the Corrales Service Area but they are near completion of a second
 171 rotation, and the pumps have been producing enough to run one canal efficiently. He
 172 went over the performance of the Corrales Pump Station since the start of the season,
 173 reflecting an ongoing challenge of maintaining efficient pumping and limits in their ability

174 to reliably operation multiple canals at once. Mr. Martinez expressed regardless of what
 175 anybody says, there are no fixed intervals between rotations and timing is influenced by
 176 supply, demand, and efficiency. He voiced rotation intervals are coming long and less
 177 predictable and water deliveries will continue on a rotational basis, with limited flexibility
 178 and scheduling unless conditions improve. He said to expect longer wait times between
 179 deliveries and that it is critical that irrigators prepare to take water when it becomes
 180 available, as future opportunities may be uncertain and without meaningful precipitation,
 181 they will continue to struggle to satisfy the needs of water users.

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 183 *See also Appendix II.*

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 185 Mr. Casuga asked for understanding in constantly having to make adjustments to
 186 diversions, and that all of them require diesel engines moving heavy gates up and down.
 187 He said a lot of times, they are making predictions about what they think is going to
 188 show up and setting up gate positions to be able to the best they can. He hoped people
 189 understood the reality of what Mr. Martinez and his team are facing. He expressed that
 190 he and his team will be taking calls and will listen to frustrations, but there are some
 191 problems they will not be able to fix and it will feel unfair, as fluctuations are going to
 192 largely benefit areas closest to the diversions, as it will be harder to get water to those
 193 farther downstream. He explained they will have to put water into the canals for those
 194 who can actually get it or else it will pass them or evaporate away, which is the position
 195 they are put into this year. He noted the equalizer will be rain; however, monsoon
 196 season does not typically start until July.

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 198 Director Dunning asked how people can turn in people wasting water and abusing their
 199 privilege, as they cannot afford to have anyone wasting even a drop of water this year.
 200 She also asked how MRGCD can punish them enough to keep them from doing it.

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 202 Mr. Casuga responded they would need to contact the ISO for the area, and their
 203 contact information is on the website or they can call the emergency line. He said they
 204 had 30 reports of potential violations last week that are now under review, and they are
 205 determining the appropriate action based on the nature and severity of them. He agreed
 206 wasteful water practices should not be tolerated ever, but especially this season.

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 208 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR (Comments are limited to three (3)**
 209 **minutes)**

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 211 **Barbara Baca**

212 Ms. Baca expressed appreciation and love for the MRGCD on behalf of the Bernalillo County
 213 Commission for their partnership in the Atrisco Acequia Madre Project. She explained they are
 214 trying to educate the community and next generation, as well as create the next generation and
 215 stewards of land and water. She said they had the Primera Agua event on March 29th. She also
 216 passed out tokens of their appreciation for the hard work of MRGCD staff.

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 218 Director Dunning gave a shoutout to Mr. Zamora for helping when he was already very busy.

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Santiago Maestas

Mr. Maestas introduced Rosa Chavez and Donicio Montoya, who asked the SVRAA and Commissioners of the Arenal of Acequias and Los Padilla Acequia for more assistance in restoring their lands to irrigation. He proposed to the Board to help pay for the reconnection with the irrigation pipeline to each of their properties and their neighbors' properties.

Chairman Kelly thanked them for helping keep the valley green and traditional farming practices going on in Albuquerque.

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Katrina Gallegos

Ms. Gallegos shared she was at the Isleta Boulevard Corridor Project Meeting last week, where Leslie Romero from Wilson & Company said she spoke with MRGCD about a couple culverts that are off of some of the acequias in the South Valley that they believe are in disuse and want to cover over. She added she also wanted to talk to Santiago Maestas about that, so she will give her his information. She also asked if they were still looking for people to be on the Urban Advisory Board, as she was interested in doing it.

Staff informed her they are no longer taking applications for the Urban Advisory Board, but will connect with her regarding the Advisory Board. Chairman Kelly added they would track down Ms. Romero and check that out.

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Vincent Sanchez

Mr. Sanchez spoke about his irrigation on March 27th. He stated the Pueblo Acequia got a lot of water that day and many of the surrounding irrigators communicated and organized water in a sufficient order; however, there was one cheater who has not paid dues and has been a thorn in the ISO's, Mike Chavez, side. He said Mr. Chavez worked hard to communicate with him and tried his best to deal with his difficult situation. He commended his dedication and encouraged everyone to support him when he brings the delinquent user to the Board's attention.

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Martin Haynes

Mr. Haynes stated as of last week, the diversion he brought up at the last meeting that was wasting water and not helping the Compact has ended, as the federal governmental agency agreed to cease that diversion. He thanked the Board for having staff support them. He noted they have a future project coming up at the southern end of the middle stretch, right above Elephant Butte, they need to keep their eyes on to make sure no more illegal or non-compensated diversion occurs.

259 **Gwen Baldwin**

260 Ms. Baldwin, new Village of Los Ranchos Trustee, said she appreciated the communication and
 261 collaboration between Bernalillo County representatives and MRGCD, as well as spending time
 262 with Mr. Casuga at the Land and Water Summit. She stated MRGCD's Bernalillo County
 263 Community & Farmers Informational Meeting will be in June, at the Village of Los Ranchos, and
 264 she welcomed everyone to join and participate. She expressed interest in getting more
 265 information on the leasing program to share at their next Board of Trustees Meeting.
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267 **Cecilia Rosacker**

268 Ms. Rosacker, irrigator in Polvadera and Director of the Rio Grande Agricultural Land Trust,
 269 made the Board aware of the data center being proposed in Socorro County, in which they are
 270 calling the world's largest data center. She said as a community, they are meeting and working
 271 on getting more information about the data center and she will get the Board apprised of what
 272 they find out. She also voiced irrigators are having concerns about the lining of the Main Canal,
 273 as it has disrupted their irrigation season and she felt it would be worthwhile for the Board to do
 274 a presentation on that. She asked where the funding is coming from for that and who paid when
 275 the liner failed. She informed the Board that on the website, Chris Lopez's email does not work.
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277 Chairman Kelly responded it would be appropriate to do a briefing on that project and give
 278 people background on it at MRGCD's Socorro County Community & Farmers Informational
 279 Meeting in June.
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281 **Elaine Hebard**

282 *See Appendix III.*
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284 **Chairman John P. Kelly**

285 Chairman Kelly shared that a Bosque native, Danette Clouser Farnsworth, helped run the
 286 Artemis Mission from the engineering side, who is also the daughter of MRGCD retiree, Daniel
 287 Clouser.
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289 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - REPORT(S) FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR -**

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

292 John Irizarry-Nazario was not in attendance at today's meeting.
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295 *See also Appendix IV.*
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298 **b. Bureau of Indian Affairs - Patrick Taber, Acting Designated Engineer**

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300 Mr. Taber stated they are still trying to store water for the P&P lands and deliveries have
 301 started on some of the pueblos. He noted there are a few operations maintenance
 302 issues but they seem to be working through them. He shared he will start following up
 303 with the second of the weekly Pueblo calls tomorrow to discuss deliveries and
 304 operations issues. He thanked Mr. Casuga for acknowledging the difficulty of the year
 305 and the graphs shown in Ms. Marken and Mr. Martinez's presentations.
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308 Mr. Casuga requested BIA to track that the water delivered to the prior and paramount
 309 lands is delivered to the lands that are supposed to benefit from it and that no more than
 310 the volume that should be delivered was delivered. He said they were going to have to
 311 give assurances to people that it is getting bad and the lands receiving that priority
 benefit are truly the lands contemplated in the 1981 agreement. He expressed it is
 important the public knows it is the right for the Pueblos and their prior and paramount

311 lands to get their water and the remaining pueblo lands and newly reclaimed lands do
 312 not hold the same priority.

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 314 Mr. Taber responded there may have been some previous presentations done by DEs in
 315 the past that he may be able to present or bring up again, and that may help alleviate
 316 some of that. He stated he would need to coordinate with the Pueblos on relaying that
 317 information.

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 319 Chairman Kelly asked what the volume of prior and paramount storage was in his last
 320 report.

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 322 Mr. Taber answered about 26,000 acre feet.

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 324 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - REPORT(S) FROM THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER - Richard**
 325 **DeLoia**

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 327 **a. Consideration/Approval for Purchase of Mid-Size Excavator**
 328 **b. Consideration/Approval of Purchase of Fire Ready Dozer**

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 330 Vice Chair Baugh made the **MOTION TO PURCHASE A MID-SIZE EXCAVATOR AND**
 331 **FIRE READY DOZER.** Seconded by Director Russo Baca. The **MOTION CARRIED**
 332 **UNANIMOUSLY.**

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 334 Chairman Kelly noted Director Jiron was temporarily unavailable for the meeting.

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 336 **c. Consideration/Approval for Professional Services from ANM for an IT Assessment**

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 338 Director Dunning pointed out the mention of no coverage if they need updates to the
 339 software, and she felt if they approve this, it would not be the end.

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 341 Mr. Casuga expressed one of his strategic goals for IT is to move to a hybrid approach,
 342 where a lot of their back-end systems become maintained by a contractor to do a lot of
 343 that work out of sight and keep things updated. He explained the hybrid approach would
 344 consist of internal employees being customer service focused and keeping the
 345 equipment running and the back-end IT services and security keeping the brain
 346 functioning offsite. He added ANM is going to come in and do an infrastructure
 347 assessment on their whole IT system and are not looking for things like updates to
 348 operating systems.

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 350 Director Dunning said she was still worried they were going to find things. She was
 351 supportive and felt it was time to do this but would be something they need to keep
 352 investing in in the future.

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 354 Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**
 355 **FROM ANM FOR AN IT ASSESSMENT.** Seconded by Director Lopez. The **MOTION CARRIED**
 356 **UNANIMOUSLY.**

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 358 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - REPORT(S) FROM THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS & CONSERVATION**
 359 **- Casey Ish**

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 361 **a. Update on 2026 Water Leasing Program and Upcoming Enrollment Window**

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363 Mr. Ish announced MRGCD received sufficient funding to their cooperative agreement
 364 with the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, New Mexico Interstate Stream
 365 Commission, and the Bureau of Reclamation to offer a modified water leasing program
 366 to their constituents for the 2026 Irrigation Season. He said they are contemplating
 367 rolling out a late season leasing offer this year, where people will be eligible for
 368 enrollment. He stated the enrollment window will be April 14th - May 15th, with fallowing
 369 terms going into place on June 1st for the late season option. He explained they are
 370 offering \$175 per eligible acre enrolled for the late season offering this year, and they
 371 also have a second option to combine a late season enrollment in 2026 with a full
 372 season enrollment in 2027, at a price of \$550 per eligible acre. He noted the same rules
 373 would apply and a portal will be available on the website to enroll online.
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375 Chairman Kelly asked for confirmation that a portion of that funding is for on-farm
 376 efficiency projects and no one can dedicate the entire amount of funding for this year's
 377 fallowing program, but they have a budget of \$300,000, and it will be first come first
 378 serve.
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380 Mr. Ish answered that is correct.
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382 Chairman Kelly inquired if they would be able to increase that funding in coordination
 383 with BOR and NFWF should the demand be there.
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385 Mr. Ish responded his indication is that if they have sufficient demand, they can adjust
 386 the budget to meet that demand.
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388 Vice Chair Baugh asked if people that have already had one or two waterings would still
 389 be able to get into this.
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391 Mr. Ish answered yes.
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393 **b. Consideration/Approval of 5 Year MOA with Explora - Casey Ish, Director of Lands**
 394 **& Conservation and Vice Chair Baugh**
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396 Vice Chair Baugh stated education and the District's role in education is at an all-time
 397 high right now. He explained that last year, the District helped Explora when they had
 398 federal monies retracted back and had a program in the works that was not funded by
 399 giving them a one-time injection to keep it going. He said they started talking about how
 400 they could continue to support them and came up with the idea of the 5 Year MOA. He
 401 said they can serve upwards of four to six schools per semester or year and they have
 402 seen great success with the project. He expressed it is very exciting to see the District
 403 trending in the right way when it comes to education and the need to get kids well-
 404 versed in the complexity of water.
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406 Mr. Ish added this partnership is an extension of what they are trying to do at Valle Vista
 407 Elementary by building interactive experiences for students to better understand our
 408 network in the Middle Valley.
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410 Chairman Kelly asked if they see this complementing their efforts with BEMP and
 411 CESOSS with different groups of kids but with the same unified message.
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413 Mr. Ish answered yes, but Explora has a little more capacity to reach out beyond the
 414 South Valley and metropolitan area of Albuquerque, and they have expressed interest in
 415 going to Socorro, Cochiti, and Valencia.

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 417 Chairman Kelly inquired if they have a surplus in the budget in order to pay this out of
 418 the current year's funding.

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 420 Ms. Fanelli responded yes, they are projecting a surplus for FY2026.

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 422 Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE 5 YEAR MOA WITH**
 423 **EXPLORA**. Seconded by Director Russo Baca. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

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 425 **c. Consideration/Approval of State Land Office Fee and Grant of Easement for**
 426 **Bernalillo to Belen (Mountain View Unit) - Right-of-Way Easement No. R-42759**

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 428 Chairman Kelly explained the State Land Office wants \$125,000 for 75-year easements
 429 through property on their state land parcel in and out of the Bosque near the Valle de
 430 Oro Refuge. He said we need that right-of-way for the Corps of Engineers Levee Project
 431 and they have an agreement with requirements that are likely to be forgotten when they
 432 get into construction about housekeeping, pesticides and dust control. He stated this is a
 433 LURD that they are required to provide for the levee project, and there is no way they
 434 can proceed with the levee project without signing this agreement with the State Land
 435 Office. He questioned if they could delay this for 10 years and get another 10 years out
 436 of the easement, as he does not expect the Corps to be down there building soon.

437
 438 Mr. Casuga responded there is active pending Geotech work that needs to go forward
 439 through this section, and they are beginning work in sections not covered by this, so this
 440 will clear the way for updated Geotech work on that Phase 1 Mountain View section.

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 442 Director Dunning asked if the Corps was responsible for restoring the land back to its
 443 pre-construction condition like MRGCD is.

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 445 Mr. Casuga shared this went unfound for the first 100 years of the District. In terms of
 446 restoring it, history shows it was a levee for the past 100 years, which is what they are
 447 going to build, and the construction zone will be part of the project anyway if they have to
 448 remove trees for construction. He noted they will need mitigation efforts requiring them
 449 to put a certain amount of trees back in, but not within the levee zone area. He believes
 450 the whole levee project will be constructed, as the urbanization down there will drive the
 451 bus and energy to get that going. He said there is money available right now for funding
 452 portions of Mountain View and none of the other project can take place without this.

453
 454 Vice Chair Baugh inquired if it is common to get a 75-year lease.

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 456 Mr. Casuga responded we pushed them to that 75 years, as it was less than that
 457 originally.

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 459 Vice Chair Baugh made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE STATE LAND OFFICE FEE**
 460 **AND GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR BERNALILLO TO BELEN (MOUNTAIN VIEW UNIT) -**
 461 **RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT NO. R-42759**. Seconded by Director Dunning. The **MOTION**
 462 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

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464 **d. Report on MRGCD Interagency Fire Coordination Meeting, April 2, 2026 - Casey**
 465 **Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation and Vice Chair Baugh**
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467 Mr. Ish reported on the MRGCD Interagency Fire Coordination Meeting, where they
 468 could get the initial take from first responders on the fire risk assessment model,
 469 especially in the context of the Unified Fire, which happened less than a week prior. He
 470 said the fire risk assessment model helps them understand where to allocate limited
 471 resources across 30,000 acres of Bosque. He stated some of the feedback they got
 472 included of the need to integrate Jetty jack lines as a GIS layer as part of the model. He
 473 added they hope to partner with first responders on identifying access points and
 474 different types of locks needed to get in and out of the Bosque.
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476 Vice Chair Baugh shared they had cool conversations about trialing the model in real
 477 time and seeing the layers. He stated we are lucky to have such a great team looking
 478 after such complexities and he felt the meeting was well-received. He thanked Ms.
 479 Strange and her team for putting it together.
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481 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 - REPORT(S) FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES -**
 482 **Eric Zamora, PE**
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484 **a. Report on Unified Fire**
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486 Mr. Zamora gave an update on the Unified Fire, which was located a little bit south of
 487 Rio Communities. He said the fire started on March 24th, at about 9:30 a.m., and they
 488 believe it started near the Madrone Heading and worked its way to the north and then
 489 jumped to the west side. He shared it took three days to get under control. He thanked
 490 all those that helped with that fire. He noted one of their newer dozers in Belen suffered
 491 \$1000 worth of damage, which is part of the reason they are ordering a fire ready dozer.
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493 *See also Appendix V.*
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495 Director Dunning asked if all the ash from the fire impacted irrigation.
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497 Mr. Zamora answered not in this area.
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499 Vice Chair Baugh inquired if the dozer line helped contain the fire to a degree.
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501 Mr. Zamora responded yes. He added there were several fire lines cut and he believes
 502 that is why it was only 307 acres and did not reach Rio communities.
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504 Vice Chair Baugh asked what the level of burn was.
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506 Ms. Strange responded from the west side, it looked like maybe 15-20% of the canopy
 507 was starting to leaf out a little bit, and they will start on the ground surveying and
 508 monitoring this week to figure out how deep the burn was in the soil, the effect on the
 509 roots, and if they would see any re-spread, but she should have a full report on it by
 510 June. She noted they are seeing more survival in some areas than others.
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512 Vice Chair Baugh inquired if the report will have the cause from the investigation.
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514 Ms. Strange answered Valencia County Fire said the ignition site was completely
515 scorched so it would come back undetermined, as there was not enough evidence to
516 support a final outcome.

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518 **b. Maintenance and Construction Updates**

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520 Mr. Madera presented on the Socorro Main Canal Channel Lining Phase IIB. He said all
521 construction work was completed on March 18th, and the total amount of the project will
522 be \$6,219,941.01, and underrun amounts of \$253,808.68. He stated the work completed
523 included 1.1 miles of channel lining, turnout replacements, new long-crested weirs, new
524 concrete check structures, and pending Rubicon installments.

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526 Ms. Ramos presented on the Loretta Road Project. She expressed bid opening was
527 done on February 2nd, and they received one bid from Star Paving for \$982,000,
528 including tax. She shared NTP was issued today, with an anticipated completion date of
529 August 6, 2026.

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531 She then discussed the Corrales Siphon Project, stating the Pueblo of Sandia portion
532 was completed and construction is on pause pending delivery of the conductor casing. In
533 April, they are going to have 140 linear feet of new conductor casing, two or three weeks
534 of installation and prep work in May, and hope to start HDD operations by June. She
535 added they are still on track for contract completion by December 31, 2026, and they are
536 at 34% amount expended and 33% of contract time used.

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538 Ms. Ramos presented on the Feeder 3 Phase I Project, funded by the Water Trust
539 Board. She expressed construction was awarded to AUI for almost \$4 million, including
540 tax, and the consultant is BHI. She said they have paid almost \$2 million to the
541 contractor, so about 46% of expended contract funds and 40% of contract time used.
542 They have installed about 35% of the whole pipe installation completed, completed all
543 jack and bore of NM 116 and Jarales Road, and completed open trench pipe off of
544 Armijo Road. Looking ahead, they will resume work installing the 36-inch PVC pipe and
545 are waiting on parts for the 6-inch ARV and vault. She added the completion date for the
546 project is August 1, 2026, with tentative delivery of butterfly valves in December.

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548 Mr. Madera listed all the construction projects they completed in the offseason, which
549 included the Atrisco Acequia Madre Box Culvert, Low Flow Conveyance Channel Phase
550 II, Belen Highline Canal Overflow 2 Structure, ALGAA Phase 2, New Belen Wasteway,
551 Cochiti Main Crossing, McAllister Culvert Crossing, and Tribal Road 7 Crossing.

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553 *See also Appendix VI.*

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555 Chairman Kelly asked if they got order of entry on the property next to the Feeder 3
556 Pump Station.

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558 Ms. Wiggins answered yes, they are working on it and have the package almost ready.

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560 Mr. Zamora shared now that they are through most of the projects for the offseason,
561 they are going to sit down as an engineering team with Mr. Casuga and discuss lessons
562 learned on projects they did, including assessing and analyzing cost overruns, delays,
563 and anything they may be able to learn from.

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565 Chairman Kelly suggested inviting the contractors rep to that meeting, as they may have
566 a different point of view on things.
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568 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 - REPORT(S) FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER/CFO - Pamela**
569 **Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**

570 **a. Report on Finance Committee Meeting, April 13, 2026 - Chairman Kelly, Vice Chair**
571 **Baugh, and Director Russo Baca**
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573 Chairman Kelly gave a report on the Finance Committee Meeting, where they discussed
574 savings in the budget to allow them to do a few things covered in Item (c), including an
575 early payoff on the Isleta Diversion Dam Settlement. He explained that money was part
576 of the settlement with Isleta Pueblo and BOR, when BOR asked them to park the money
577 for the future fish passage at Isleta Dam, and now they want to index that remaining
578 money by CPI per year, but they can make a lot more money investing that money than
579 paying that rate. He said they are moving that forward at \$700,000. He added they are
580 doing some cleanup of items on grant money coming in and out. He stated they went
581 through the Third Quarter Financial Reports, and they have indications that revenue will
582 exceed the budget so they have a pretty good chance to pay off a few things early. He
583 stated Item (b) is a resolution to pay off the Dam Settlement Liability payment. Chairman
584 Kelly announced their next meeting will be on April 23rd, where they will go through the
585 budget line by line and report out on it to be approved at the May 11th Board Meeting.
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587 **b. Consideration/Approval of the Isleta Diversion Dam Settlement Liability Payment**
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589 Vice Chair Baugh made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE ISLETA DIVERSION DAM**
590 **SETTLEMENT LIABILITY PAYMENT**. Seconded by Director Lopez. The **MOTION CARRIED**
591 **UNANIMOUSLY**.
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593 **c. Consideration/Approval of Resolution BA-04-13-26-113 Adoption of Amended**
594 **Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (07-01-25 to 06-30-26)**
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596 Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION BA-04-13-26-113**
597 **ADOPTION OF AMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 (07-01-25 TO 06-30-26)**.
598 Seconded by Director Russo Baca. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.
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600 **d. Consideration/Approval of the 3rd Quarter Financial Reports**
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602 Director Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE 3RD QUARTER**
603 **FINANCIAL REPORTS**. Seconded by Vice Chair Baugh. The **MOTION CARRIED**
604 **UNANIMOUSLY**.
605

606 **e. General Discussion on the Development of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget**
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608 Ms. Fanelli stated they are in the process of creating the FY27 Budget and said they are
609 not recommending an increase in mill rates. She expressed they are going to invest from
610 the Capital Investment Funds, and any funds available in that will go to debt service and
611 match for the grants for the Corrales Siphon and Feeder 3 Projects. She noted because
612 of those capital projects, the FY27 Budget is tight. She asked the Board for input on any
613 additional initiatives they wanted.
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615 Director Dunning requested having money in the budget to help inform people about
616 elections, like sending a postcard to every household in the benefited area with a QR
617 code, so they are more transparent with the public.

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619 Vice Chair Baugh asked the District put some funds aside for transportation, like renting
620 buses for field trips, as that is a common thing he hears with schools and students, is
621 how they can get from site to site. He also requested funding for creating a strategic
622 water bank that could proactively go after water rights and secure they keep them in
623 their system.

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625 Chairman Kelly expressed they have talk to legal counsel about how they would draft
626 that kind of policy and they need to be sure their legal budget is enough to research the
627 issue to get to a resolution that would be workable.

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629 Director Russo Baca shared she would like to see additional funds for outreach for their
630 tabling to have materials to produce or work with some other entity to produce materials,
631 as she goes to a lot of events and they do not have very many materials to hand out.
632 She said it would also be nice to have little pamphlets or something with irrigation
633 information and how to report a flood that would need to have dual languages.

634
635 Chairman Kelly expressed he had a lot of items on his wish list, but he realized when
636 they approved the one mill increase for the Capital Improvement Fund, they gave Mr.
637 Casuga the direction to live within that mill levy for the next 5 years. He added they are
638 also increasing the water service charge by CPI. He stated they started doing their own
639 on-farm efficiency program last year and they started with \$150,000, and he feels that is
640 a bigger bang for the buck than an environmental leasing program, so he wanted to
641 consider raising that funding level. He supported the other recommendations from the
642 Board, but said Ms. Fanelli and Mr. Casuga would need to go through the budget and
643 see where they could cut from somewhere else and have the budget ready to approve
644 by May 11th. He asked Mr. Zamora what he felt they needed.

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646 Mr. Zamora voiced from an O&M standpoint, they have taken additional duties with
647 Bosque management, so they may need to consider adding personnel.

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649 Chairman Kelly mentioned the Flood Control Authority had an RFP for right-of-way patrol
650 services, which many be something to look at.

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652 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 - REPORT(S) FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER/CEO**– Jason M. Casuga,
653 PE

654 a. **Report on Albuquerque Levee FEMA Study, Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO,**
655 **Chuck Thomas, P.E., Petroglyph Consulting, LLC, and Luke Smith, P.E., Wilson &**
656 **Company**

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658 Mr. Casuga explained this effort started under Mayor Lopez, and when the FEMA study
659 was awarded to MRGCD and some of Bernalillo County, they were cost share partners,
660 and this is the resulting work of that.

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662 Chuck Thomas, with Petroglyph Consulting, shared he was hired by the Village of Los
663 Ranchos to oversee the grant. He stated the funding for FEMA is broken up in different
664 categories and they were able to secure funding for the studying evaluation phase. He
665 said the original scope looked at the levee adjacent to Los Ranchos, but when they looked
666 closer into it, they found the levee really does not help anyone, so they came up with the

667 idea to expand the scope to go from the North Diversion Channel to the South Diversion
668 Channel. He thanked MRGCD and Bernalillo County for helping to support the funding on
669 this for the match so the study was able to be done. He gave some background on the
670 levee. He said the levee itself did not change and is functioning as it should be, but the
671 design standards moved so far from how the levee was originally constructed that they no
672 longer matched up enough to call it a repair. He stated they decided to go out and look at
673 it again to find out what it would take to potential repairs, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and
674 identify costs.

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676 Luke Smith, Wilson & Company P.E., discussed the technical details. He said they started
677 with the initial assessment, where they went to the field with a team of EIT's and others to
678 collect maintenance and any other issues along the levee, and categorized them into
679 unacceptable and marginally acceptable conditions. He stated after they submitted the
680 initial assessment report, they did the evaluation report, which was a surface review of the
681 levee to see if there were any actions that had been taken or that could be taken. He noted
682 there was a 2009 Army Corps report done that consisted of a very detailed geotechnical
683 analysis, but a lot of the geotechnical deficiencies and issues found did not necessarily
684 have fixes, including the toe drain. He voiced they then did a high level review of potential
685 repairs and information the Army Corps mentioned as potential repairs, which they broke
686 down into high priority and medium priority sections and used the Army Corps levee cost
687 estimating tool. He discussed the estimated costs of some of the maintenance repairs,
688 including replacement of the entire toe drain.

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690 *See also Appendix VII.*

691
692 Mr. Casuga shared he is pessimistic on the Corps numbers, but he felt they should be
693 more focused on the levee having a problem and starting an investigation on that. He
694 noted they are not likely to use a Corps process on the Albuquerque Levee.

695
696 Mr. Smith stated they have talked with Mr. Casuga about starting to work on coordinating
697 a design with the District.

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699 Mr. Casuga said it is not his recommendation to go through a federally led process for the
700 Albuquerque Levee. He said that levee is unique in the importance of what economically
701 it means to the metro area and what happens at MRGCD. He felt the probability in there
702 being a strong hydraulic risk to Bernalillo county residents if the levee fails is very small,
703 as there are a lot of resources that would come together to prevent a levee failure.
704 However, there is a risk there administratively if FEMA comes in and redraws the
705 floodplains, as people could be subject to flood control insurance that is now a value of
706 the property and structures based insurance instead of a flat rate insurance like it used to
707 be. He shared the good news is they are taking proactive steps and this is a FEMA grant,
708 so the report will go into FEMA. At the Levee Task Force Meeting, this information was
709 presented and they talked about needing to make proactive steps to correct and bring the
710 Albuquerque Levee into modern compliance, which may result in reconstructing the whole
711 thing or something more creative. He stated the MRGCD is a non-fed sponsor of this levee
712 and he felt it was their responsibility to lead the efforts on designing or getting a feasibility
713 study of alternatives to rehabilitate, then choosing one with their partners, and then paying
714 a bill to design it. He added a project this size and scope is going to involve expertise
715 across multiple lines to lay the groundwork with the federal delegation and the state on
716 funding, so he recommended the District put out an RFP for a project manager, preferably
717 one that can come alongside and understand FEMA and not come from the firm that would
718 be hired to design the project. He suggested also showing FEMA the incremental process

719 on this going forward so there is no reason for them to come here. He said MRGCD also
 720 needs the City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, and the Village of Los Ranchos to come
 721 alongside them as they fulfill their responsibility to choose and design a good project, as
 722 the really hard work is going to begin laying the groundwork for the funding to start coming
 723 in for construction when they are ready to build it.

724
 725 Director Dunning commented it is important MRGCD take the lead on this, but a real
 726 priority is getting the City of Albuquerque involved because they will benefit the most from
 727 this according to the study and maps.

728
 729 Mr. Casuga agreed 100%. He said the City is a tough nut to crack, but they have friends
 730 on City Council, and when they start talking about people's flood insurance being impacted
 731 he felt that would ramp things up.

732
 733 Chairman Kelly asked if FEMA came to them today to certify this levee, would it be able
 734 to pass the 100-year flood standard.

735
 736 Mr. Casuga answered no, it would be unethical for him as an engineer to certify the levee.

737
 738 Chairman Kelly inquired what the 100-year event of concern was.

739
 740 Mr. Casuga responded, as an engineer, he was less concerned about a 100-year peak
 741 event that would come through, and more concerned about events that create saturation
 742 zones of failure, which ultimately leads to flooding the community.

743
 744 Chairman Kelly shared that if FEMA comes to town and they cannot certify the levee, they
 745 would map the floodplain as if there was no levee there, which would put 15,000 properties
 746 in the floodplain. He agreed they need to look at the bet repair or rehab technique they
 747 can find for this, but he still questioned if they needed a toe drain system on the entire
 748 reach of the levee where the bed of the river holds a big piece of that 9,000 CFS.

749
 750 Mr. Thomas added the intent of the study was to be able to provide the material to start a
 751 conversation because they knew they would not be able to dig into the real details they
 752 needed from a technical perspective to get the answers, but it was enough information to
 753 start the conversation. He noted this is \$15.5 billion worth of property, which becomes a
 754 real leveraging tool, as FEMA tends to evaluate all grant applications on benefit cost ratio.

755
 756 **b. Report on Meeting with Pueblo of Isleta, March 11, 2026**

757
 758 Mr. Casuga gave a report on the Pueblos of Isleta Meeting, which was about irrigation and
 759 MRGCD's concern related to prior and paramount storage. He said the meeting went well
 760 and resulted in him presenting and providing information to the Coalition at the Meeting of
 761 the Coalition last week.

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 763 **c. Report on Meeting with Pueblo of San Felipe, March 16, 2026**

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 765 Mr. Casuga reported the Pueblo of San Felipe Meeting was mainly operational, as they
 766 got to meet the new administration. He explained last year, there was a request within the
 767 agreement with BIA, where Pueblos can request items to be added to the Schedule A list
 768 of the BIA agreement. He stated that list is submitted to them, which they will ultimately
 769 bring to the Board after they finish some walkthroughs with San Felipe.

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771 **d. Report on Meeting with Pueblo of Sandia, March 17 and 23, 2026**
772

773 Mr. Casuga reported on his meetings with the Pueblo of Sandia. The meeting on March
774 17th included an opportunity to talk to the Sandia governor about prior and paramount
775 storage, as well as where they were with the Corrales Siphon. The March 23rd meeting
776 was their first planning level meeting for the investment of the capital on infrastructure
777 related to the acquisition of right-of-way agreement. He said they learned those projects
778 will be guided and managed at the governor level, which will require either himself or the
779 future Director of Technical Services to be available. He felt they aligned with Sandia's
780 priorities they laid out for that.

781
782 **e. Report on Valencia County Arroyo Flood Control District Meeting, March 19, 2026**
783 **and April 9, 2026**
784

785 Mr. Casuga gave a report on the Valencia County Arroyo Flood Control District Meeting.
786 He expressed this organization has a mill levy and a truly elected board, but they have
787 rules like procurement and need a certified procurement officer and are trying to get legal
788 services. He shared MRGCD is coming alongside them because they have a certified
789 procurement officer and have things in place that can help in the short term. He added
790 MRGCD has signed a non-monetary MOU with them to assist with putting their RFP out
791 for legal services that will terminate as soon as they get legal counsel. He noted Ms. Fanelli
792 also will be advising them some on putting together a budget for DFA.

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794 **f. Report on Rio Grande 6-Pueblo Coalition Meeting, April 9, 2026 - Jason M. Casuga,**
795 **Chief Engineer/CEO and Director Russo Baca**
796

797 *See also Appendix VIII.*
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799 **g. Information on Upcoming Events:**

- 800 1. **Candelaria Nature Preserve Tree Nursery Grand Opening Event, April 14,**
801 **2026, 2 pm: 3301 Rio Grande Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, NM**
- 802 2. **Rio Grande Compact Commission Annual Meeting, April 17, 2026: Santa Fe,**
803 **NM**
- 804 3. **The Utton Transboundary Resources Center, Community Conversation on**
805 **Water, April 18, 2026, 1 am: Sabinal Community Center**
- 806 4. **2026 Water Leaders Workshop, April 20-22, 2026: Ruidoso, NM**
- 807 5. **Law of the Colorado River Annual Conference, May 18-19, 2026: Santa Fe,**
808 **NM**
- 809 6. **MRGCD's Community and Farmers Informational Meetings, 9 am to 12 pm**
 - 810 a. **May 28, 2026, Sandoval County - Village of Corrales Gym**
 - 811 b. **June 4, 2026, Bernalillo County - Village of Los Rancho Village Hall**
 - 812 c. **June 18, 2026, Valencia County - Village of Los Lunas Train Station**
813 **Auditorium**
 - 814 d. **June 24, 2026, Socorro County - City of Socorro Convention Center**
- 815 7. **2026 Next Generation Water Summit, June 11-12, 2026: Santa Fe, NM**
- 816 8. **Present MRGCD's First Quarterly Update on the Atrisco Acequia Madre**
817 **Project at the Bernalillo County Commission Administrative Meeting, June**
818 **23, 2026: Albuquerque, NM**

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820 Mr. Casuga discussed the upcoming events.
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822 Director Russo Baca added there will be a community conversation on water in Socorro
823 County and Sabinal on Saturday, with lunch provided and a presentation by Ms. Marken.
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825 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 - REPORT(S) FROM THE MRGCD ATTORNEY(S) - Chief Water**
826 **Counsel or General Counsel**
827

828 MRGCD's Attorney's did not have any reports to share during open session.
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830 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 - BOARD COMMUNICATIONS OF MERIT**
831

- 832 a. Report on Phone Call with APS Board President Ronalda Tome Warito, March 5,
833 2026 - Vice Chair Baugh
- 834 b. Report on Phone Call with Polk Middle School Garden Teacher Travis Mckenzie,
835 March 6, 2026 - Vice Chair Baugh
- 836 c. Report on Phone Call with Jay Rembe, March 10, 2026 - Vice Chair Baugh
- 837 d. Report on Phone Call with Village of Los Ranchos Trustee Baldwin, March 24,
838 2016 - Vice Chair Baugh
- 839 e. Report on Turnout Application Completed Polk Middle School Principal, March 27,
840 2026 - Vice Chair Baugh
- 841 f. Report on Phone Call with Polk Middle School, March 30, 2026 - Vice Chair Baugh
- 842 g. Report on Phone Call with Agri-Nature Center, April 1, 2026 - Vice Chair Baugh
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844 Vice Chair Baugh explained he made public comment to APS's board in early March
845 saying MRGCD would like to be put on the agenda and asked how they could do that,
846 and in pursuit of that, it led him to having to make quite a lot of phone calls that is worth
847 noting. He stated it has highlighted the fact that even between government agencies, it is
848 really hard to communicate. He noted he would be going back to public comment this
849 Wednesday. He voiced they are trying a lot of things at the District that have not been
850 done before and he was excited to keep pushing that needle.
851

852 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 16 REPORT(S) FROM THE BOARD**
853

854 *See also Appendix VIII.*
855

- 855 a. Report on the Middle Rio Grande Urban Waters Spring Quarterly Meeting, March
856 10, 2026 - Director Russo Baca
- 857 b. Report on Urban Issue Committee Meeting, March 11, 2026 - Vice Chair Baugh,
858 Directors Dunning and Russo Baca
- 859 c. Report on the Personnel Committee Meeting, March 12, 2026 - Chairman Kelly,
860 Directors Dunning and Russo Baca
- 861 d. Report on the Acequia Walk and Talk, March 13, 2026 - Director Russo Baca
- 862 e. Report on the Community Resource Fair at Garfield Middle School, March 14, 2026
863 - Directors Dunning and Russo Baca
- 864 f. Report on the Los Ranchos Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, March 17, 2026 -
865 Vice Chair Baugh and Director Russo Baca
- 866 g. Report on Village of Los Ranchos Agriculture Sub-Committee, March 18, 2026 -
867 Vice Chair Baugh
- 868 h. Report on the VSWCD Board Meeting, March 19, 2026 - Director Russo Baca
- 869 i. Report on OSE's Plan to Prevent the Pending Middle Rio Grande Compact
870 Violation, March 19, 2026 - Vice Chair Baugh and Director Dunning
- 871 j. Report on the Backyard Refuge Day, March 21, 2026 - Director Russo Baca
- 872 k. Report on Red Shovel and Bosque Clean-Up Ideas for Route 66 Centennial, March
873 21, 2026 - Vice Chair Baugh

- 874 I. **Report on the NM Water Trust Exploratory Committee Meeting, March 27, 2026 -**
- 875 **Director Russo Baca**
- 876 m. **Report on the Primera Agua Celebration, March 29, 2026 - Chairman Kelly, Vice**
- 877 **Chair Baugh, Directors Dunning and Russo Baca**
- 878 n. **Report on Irrigation Committee Meeting, March 30, 2026 - Directors Jiron, Lopez,**
- 879 **and Sandoval**

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881 Director Lopez reported most of the discussion was about the San Juan Chama River

882 storage and how they were wanting to pursue that, as well as maybe carrying that over

883 until next year. He noted the committee supported carrying over the storage 100%.

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- 885 o. **Report on the 2026 New Mexico Spring Wetlands Roundtable, April 1, 2026 -**
- 886 **Director Russo Baca**
- 887 p. **Report on the SVRAA Comisionados Meeting, April 6, 2026 - Director Russo Baca**
- 888 q. **Report on the 5th Annual Acequia and Land Grand Education (ALGE) Project, April**
- 889 **8, 2026 - Vice Chair Baugh and Director Russo Baca**
- 890 r. **Report on Speech at Polk Middle School with Senator Martin Heinrich, April 9,**
- 891 **2026 - Vice Chair Baugh and Director Russo Baca**

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893 Vice Chair Baugh shared Polk Middle School’s Academy of Agricultural Sciences

894 planted 150 fruit trees and three hoop houses and it got a lot of attention, including

895 causing Senator Heinrich to show up to support and say he would help fund concepts

896 like that.

897

898 Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPORTS FROM THE**

899 **BOARD.** Seconded by Director Russo Baca. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

900

901 Chairman Kelly noted Director Sandoval had to leave the meeting.

902

903 Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:32 pm.**

904 Seconded by Director Russo Baca. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes.

905 The **MOTION CARRIED.**

906

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

907

908 **AGENDA ITEM NO. 16 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 909 a. **NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)2**
- 910 **1. Limited Personnel Matters**
- 911
- 912 b. **NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)7**
- 913 **1. Threatened or Pending Litigation**

914

915 Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION 7:27**

916 **pm.** Seconded by Director Lopez. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes.

917 The **MOTION CARRIED.**

918

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

919 Director Russo Baca expressed they reviewed Ms. Fanelli, CFO, performance evaluation and Mr.
920 Casuga, CEO/CE, performance evaluation and decided to increase Mr. Casuga's salary by .05%
921 and Ms. Fanelli's by 5%, in Executive Session.
922

923 Director Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE INCREASING MS. FANELLI,**
924 **CFO, SALARY BY 5% AND MR. CASUGA, CEO/CE SALARY BY .05%.** Seconded by Director
925 Dunning. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
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927 With no further comments, questions, or concerns, Chairman Kelly adjourned the meeting at 7:30
928 pm.
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930 Approved to be the correct Minutes of the Board of Directors of April 13, 2026.
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933 **ATTESTED:**

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936 _____
Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
937 Secretary/Treasurer

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

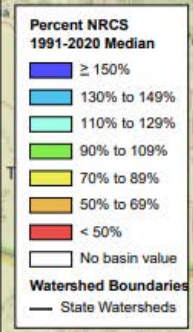
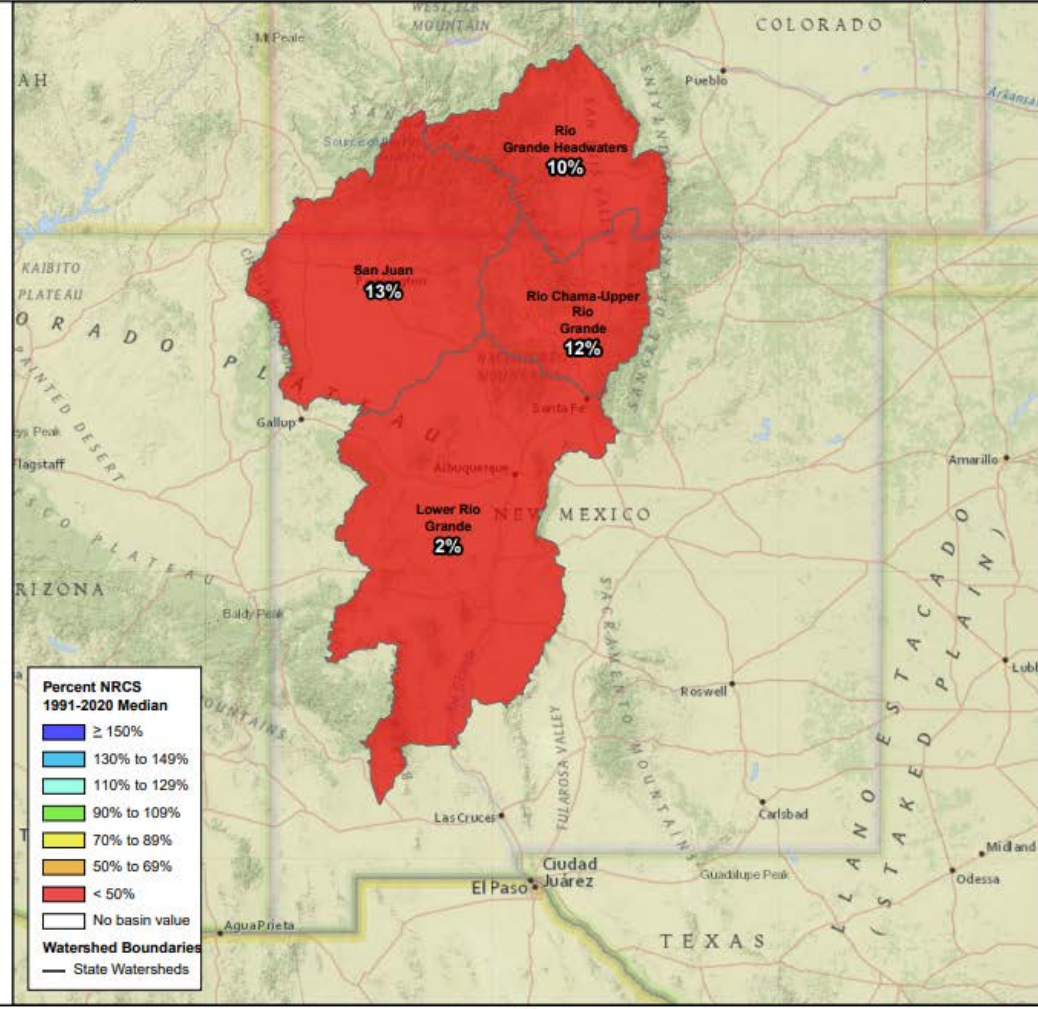
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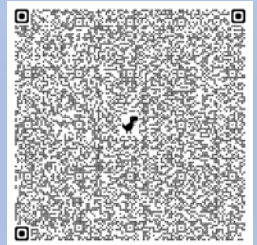
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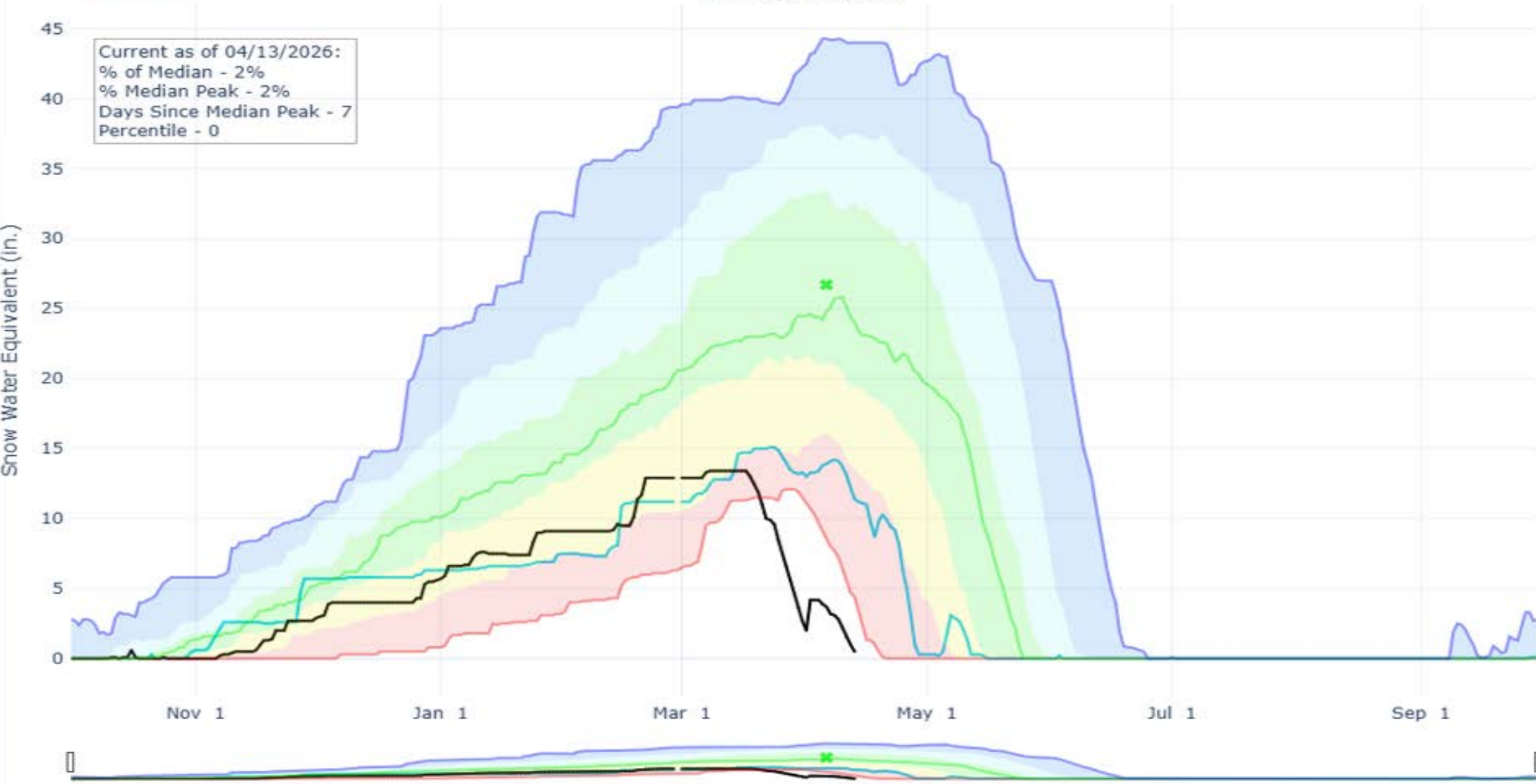
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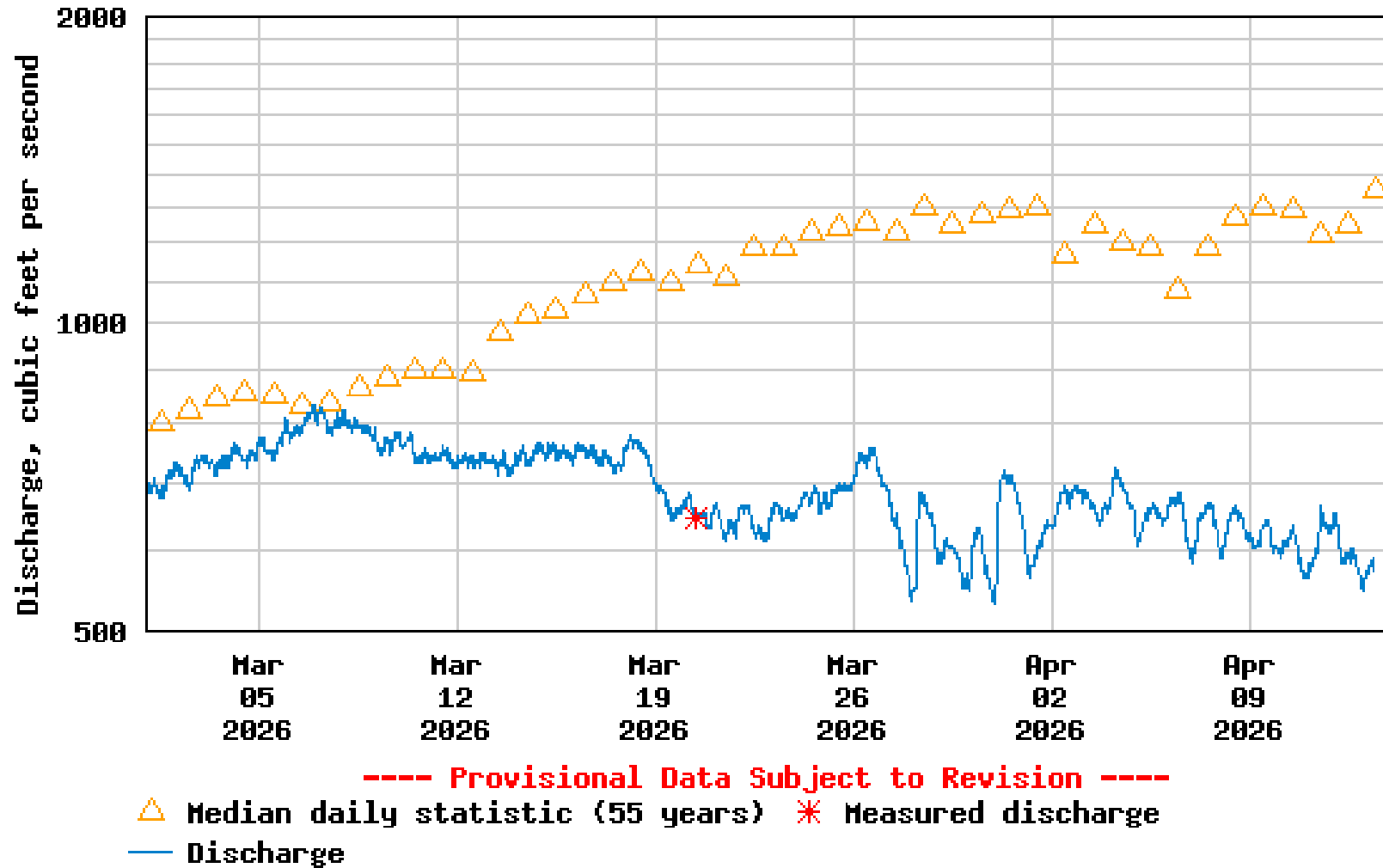
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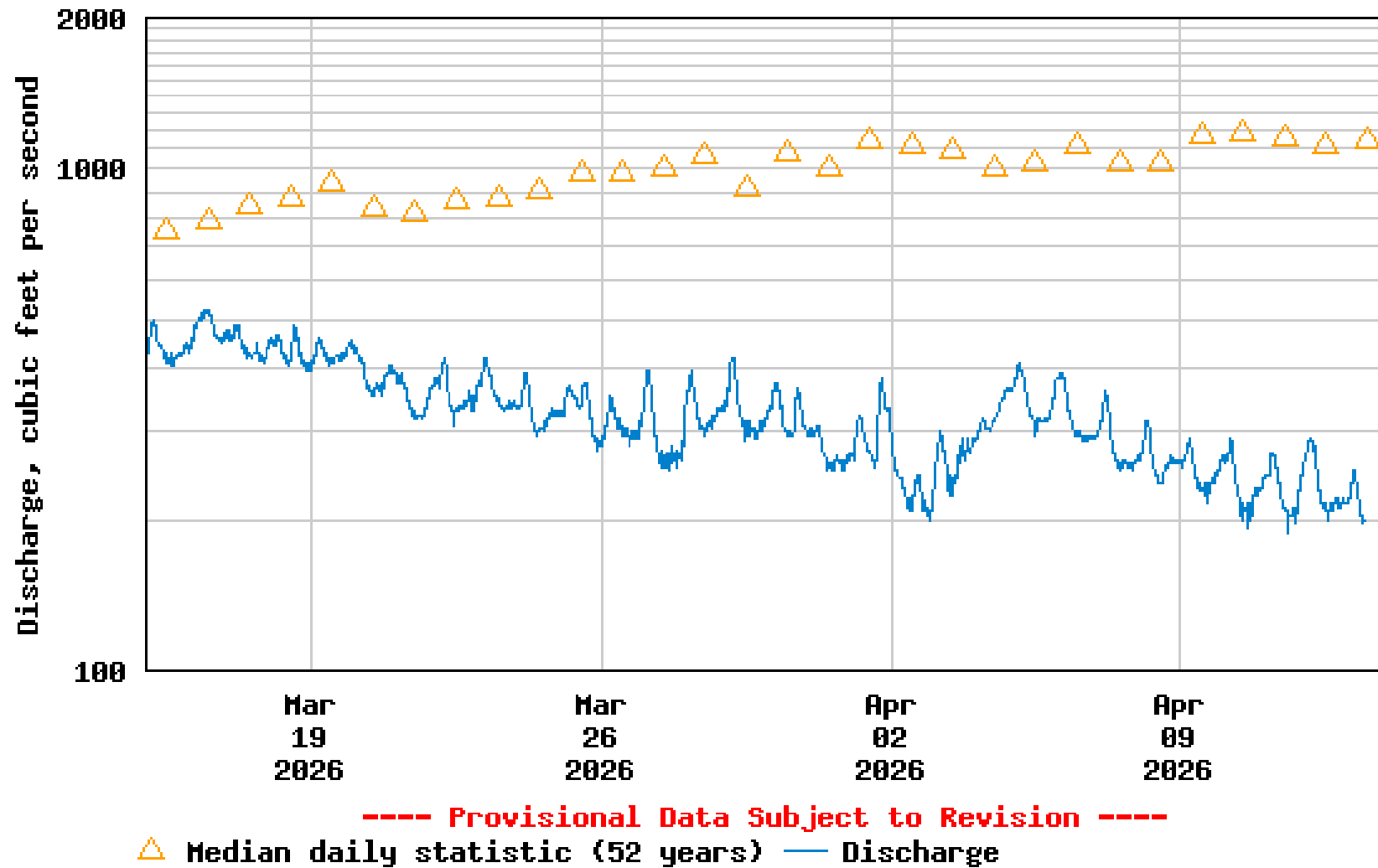
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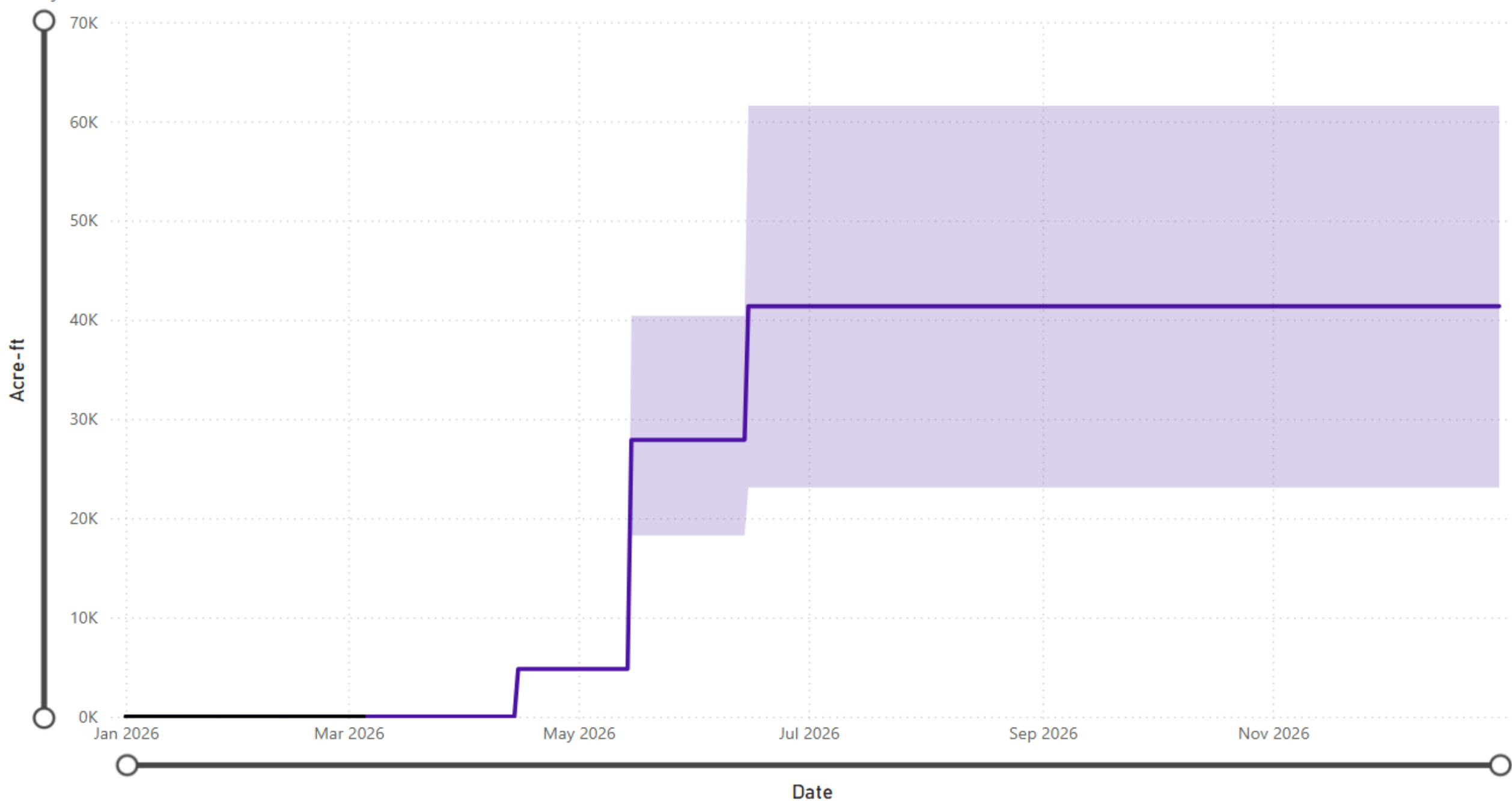


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● Projected ● Observed



Weekly Forecast



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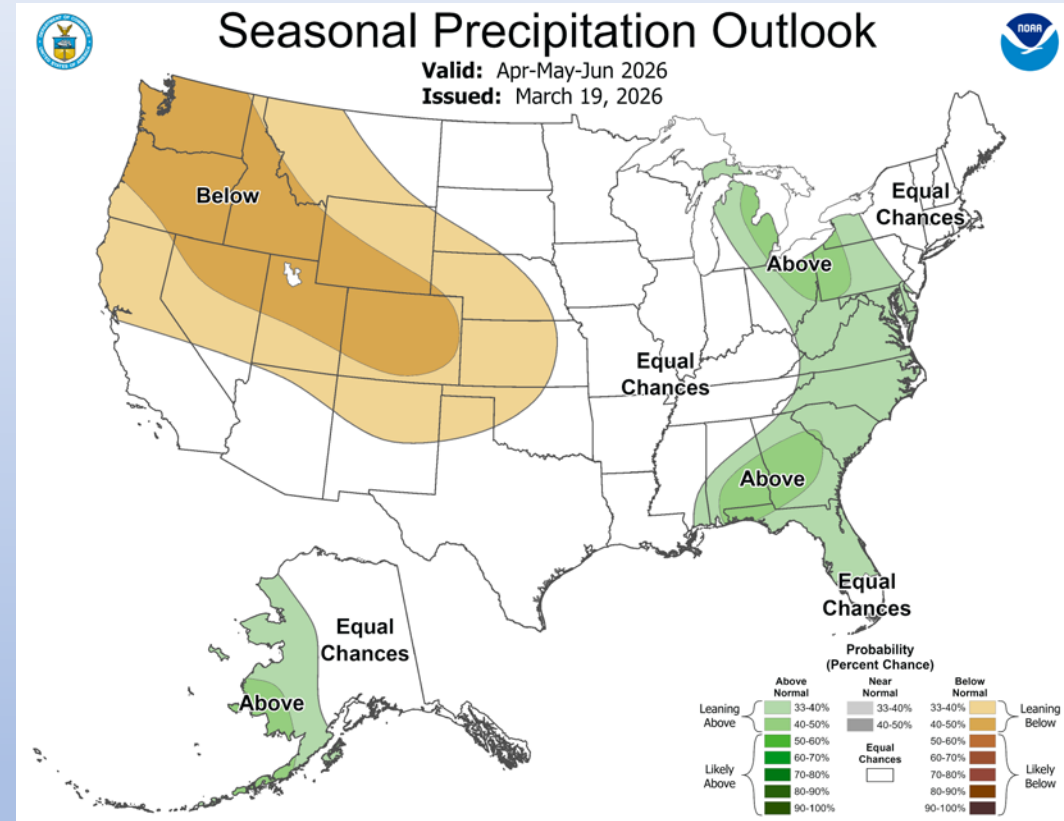
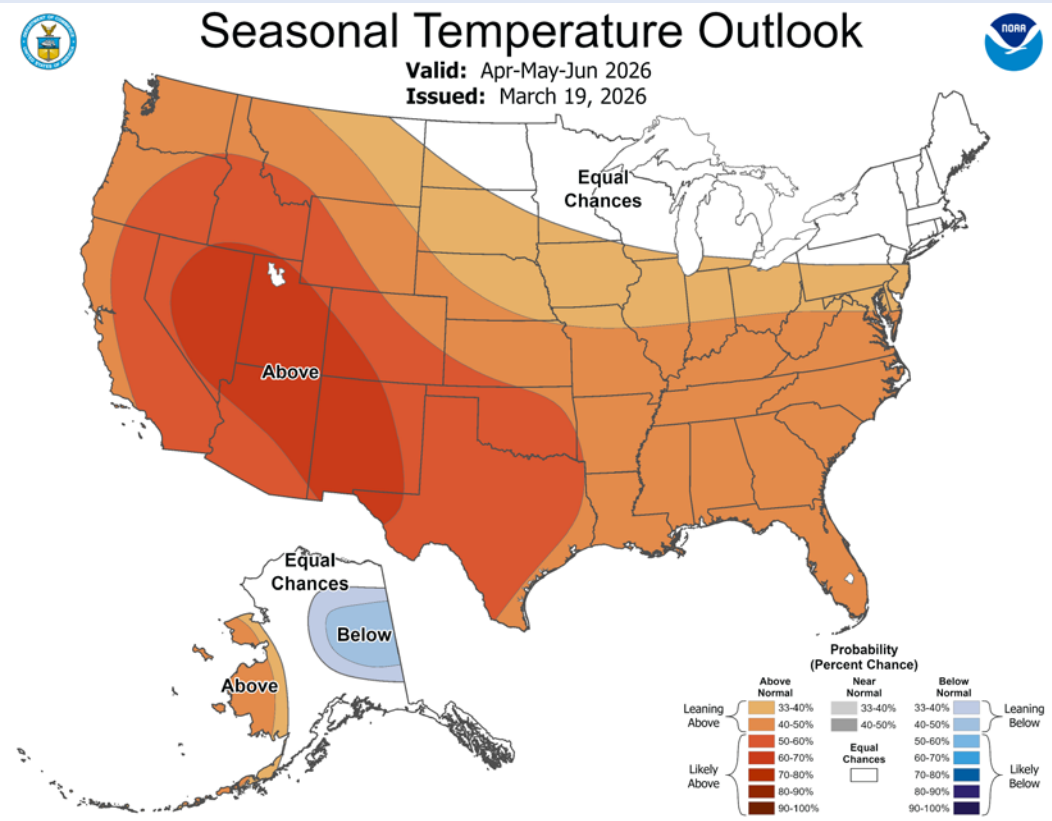
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Santa Fe	66	63	65	70	66	60	68	40	20	0	0	0	0	20
Farmington	67	58	66	69	59	60	72	50	40	0	0	0	0	0
Gallup	63	56	64	67	60	60	71	40	30	0	0	0	0	0
Grants	65	59	66	70	62	61	70	30	40	0	0	0	0	0
Clayton	77	73	71	78	76	58	68	0	10	0	0	10	0	10
Raton	70	65	67	73	68	56	66	0	0	0	0	10	10	10
Las Vegas	66	63	64	69	64	57	64	10	10	0	0	0	0	10
Moriarty	68	67	67	72	69	62	70	30	10	0	0	0	0	10
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Socorro	78	76	76	80	80	70	76	20	0	0	0	0	0	10
Chama	55	47	54	58	51	51	61	80	80	0	0	10	10	0
Taos	64	58	62	67	61	57	67	60	30	0	0	10	10	10
Angel Fire	57	51	54	59	54	49	60	50	30	10	0	10	10	20
Los Alamos	61	57	60	65	60	56	64	50	50	0	0	0	0	10
Ruidoso	63	63	61	67	66	60	62	10	10	0	0	0	0	20
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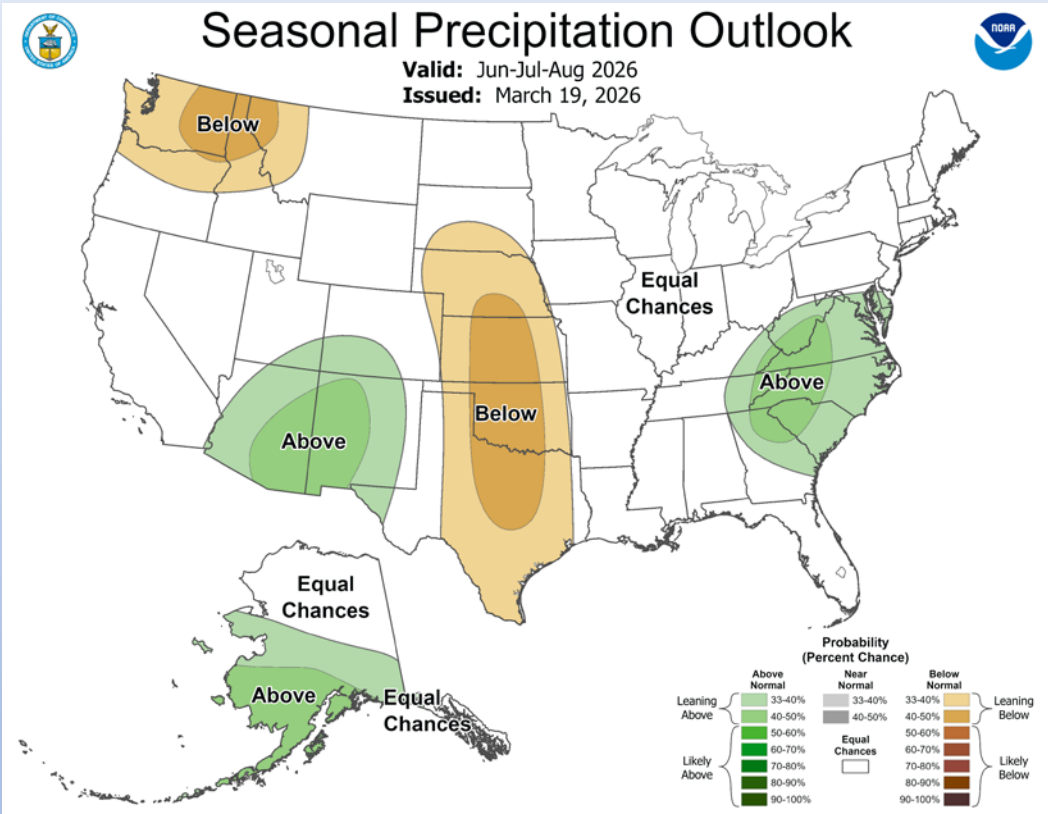
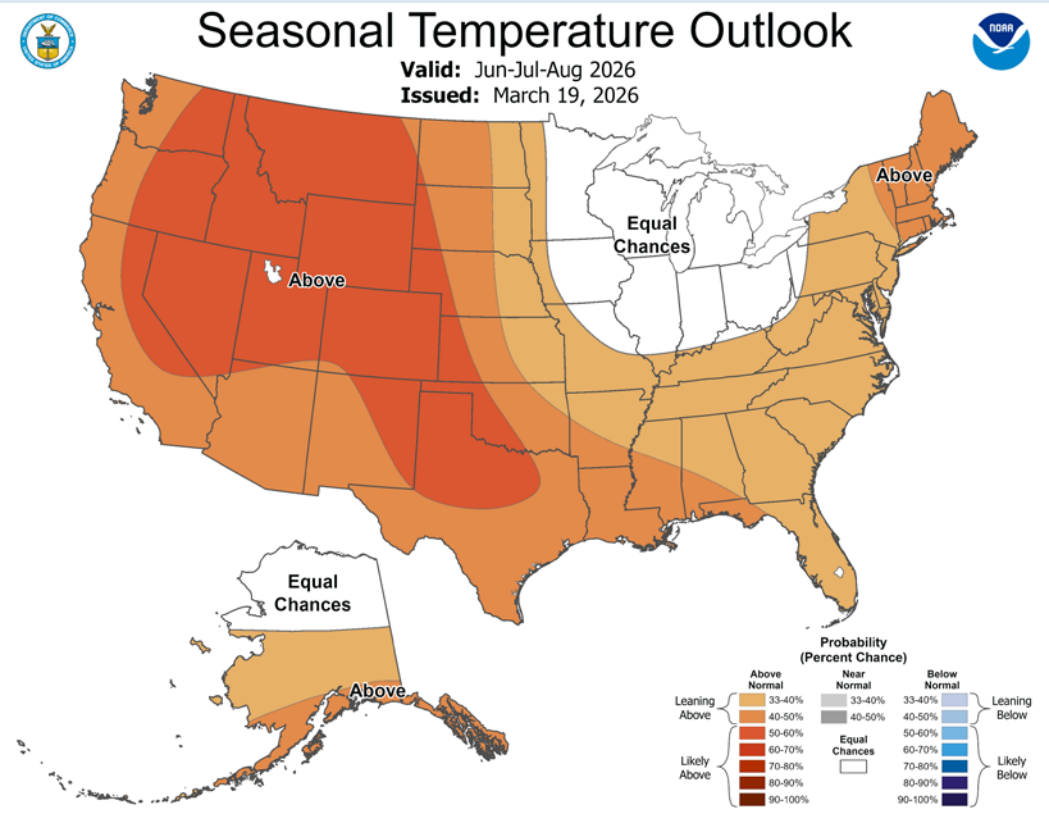
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NWS Summer Seasonal Outlook



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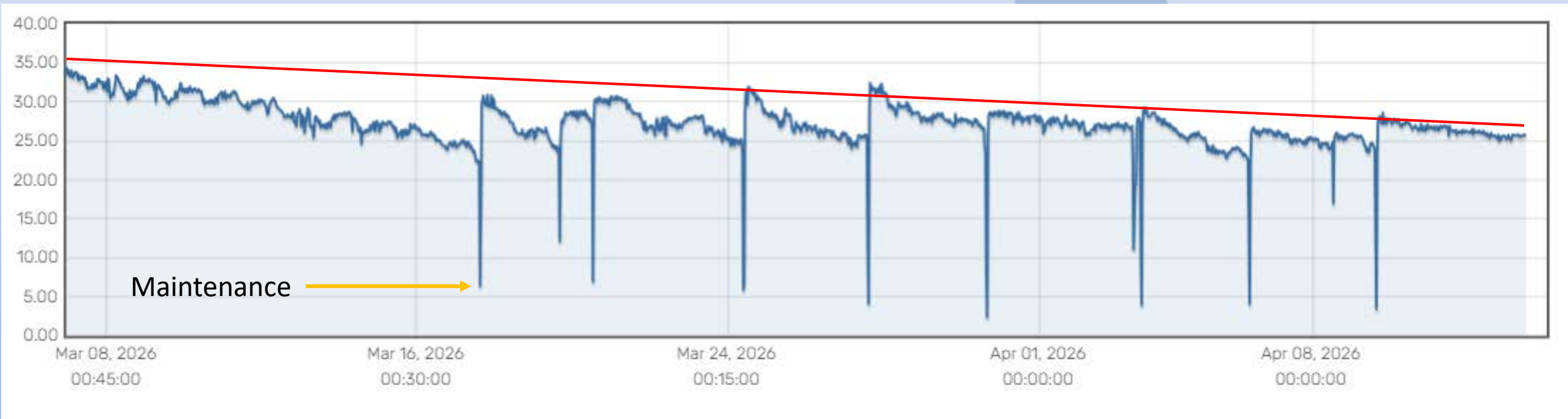


Irrigation Distribution

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Corrales Pumping Capacity



 CORRALES MAIN CANAL (113) m^3/s Flow

Irrigation Distribution

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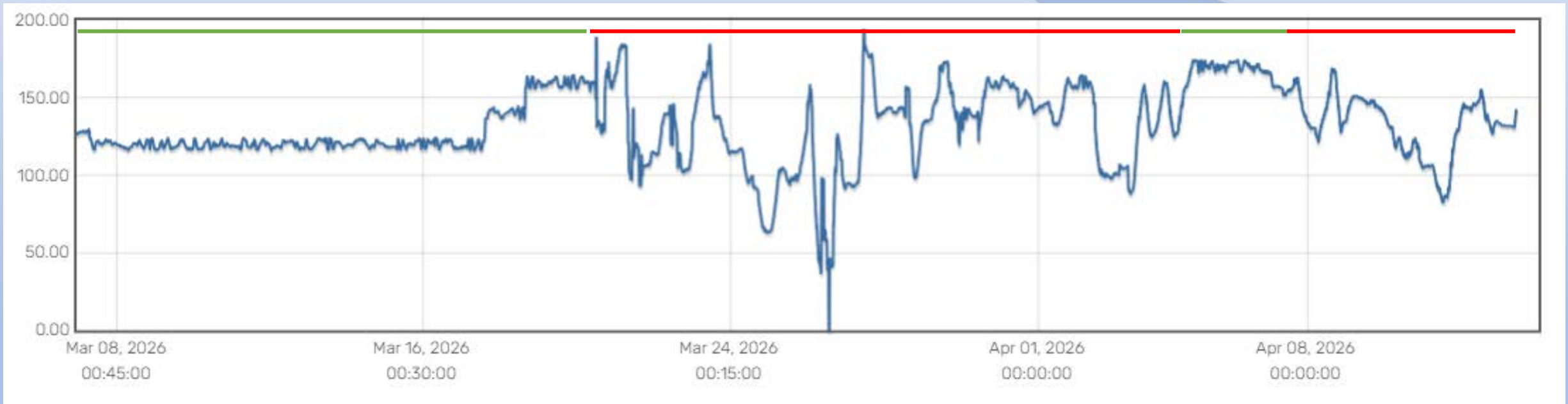
Belen Highline Diversion

Early Season Stability

Major Fluctuations

Holiday
Stability

Renewed
Fluctuations



■ BELEN HIGHLINE CANAL (141) m^3/s Flow

Questions ?

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Appendix III

From: [Elaine Hebard](#)
To: [Tarah Jaramillo](#)
Subject: Hebard Public Comments
Date: Monday, April 13, 2026 4:29:40 PM

MRGCD Board Meeting of April 13, 2016 Public Comment -- Elaine Hebard

My name is Elaine Hebard, and I'm a water nerd.

One of my long time concerns is that water providers in the MRG must work together better. A key take away from the group working out the details of the LRG Settlement is that only by working together can trust be developed. And only with trust will real and lasting solutions be found.

Over the last decade, the MRG has been over consuming its allotment under the RG Compact -- increasing the deficit annually. On Friday, at the annual Compact meeting, we will learn just how much more was added in 2025.

This trend must be reversed. Depletions of river flows must be reduced. That will be much more difficult as surface water dwindles, resulting in more groundwater pumping.

Often, the rationale is that a specific provider is fulfilling the requirements of that entity's mission. But no mission says that it's okay to violate the RG Compact.

Two of the largest water providers in the MRG are the ABCWUA and the MRGCD. Are they reducing depletions? Is their message consistent?

The ABCWUA's 26-27 Annual Operating Plan can be found on-line, included in the April 16 agenda packet for the ABCWUA's Technical Customer Advisory Committee. The ABCWUA Plan is prepared for US Fish & Wildlife to satisfy the requirements of its separate Biological Opinion with regards to its operations on the river. The AOP's inputs -- its OSE Permit, the Reclamation forecast model and its Water 2120 demand projection-- do not seem to include the Compact. Planning for only groundwater extraction from early May through October will add to future river flow depletions. That certainty is not an input, at least not mentioned.

The renewed message of 1-2-3-2-1, as announced around town, on billboards is to "water 2 days a week in April and May and 3 days a week in June, July and August for a responsible lawn." That seems inconsistent with the message from the MRGCD.

The MRGCD is messaging its constituents that "given these conditions, MRGCD urges all water users to proceed with caution when making farming decisions, carefully considering one's own water needs and those of others. 'Although hydrologic conditions and upstream activities are outside our control, our collective response is not. This season will require efficient use, strong cooperation, and a shared sense of responsibility from all of us, said Casuga."

At MRGCD Board meetings, compliance with the Compact is routinely discussed, while it is not at the ABCWUA Board meetings. Policies are proposed and adopted with different information, not just one's mission. "A responsible lawn" versus "a shared sense of responsibility"?

My first suggestion is to work on a consistent message! An action for the MRGCD Water Resources Board.

I am delighted to hear that ABCWUA is open to the idea of modeling its impacts on the low river flows. My hope is that all water providers in the MRG develop a water budget model which includes supplies, demands and ways to pay for those demands, as a step in the process of reducing depletions together,

developing trust along the way.

I would also suggest that MRGCD staff look at the ABCWUA draft plan updates and make comments.

Thank you.

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Addendum - to Board Question - when does the ABCWUA have to switch to wells? The ABCWUA reads its permit slightly differently than the actual text.

According to the **26-27 Annual Operating Plan**, its SP-4830 Conditions 12 and 13:

- Condition 12 → “native” flow must be available AND streamflows at Albuquerque Central gage must be > 122 cfs
- Condition 13 → diversion of “native” water must be curtailed when native flow is < 195 cfs at Alameda gage

AND

Diversion must be suspended if native flow in the Rio Grande channel is = 130 cfs at Alameda gage OR stream flows in the Rio Grande channel = 122 cfs at the Albuquerque Central gage

- AOP has both conditions set as thresholds that must be met for operation of the DWP diversion

**versus**

**SP 4830 Permit Conditions**

12. The City shall regulate its surface water diversion rate under this permit and Permit No. 4819 to maintain, in so far as ‘native’ flow is available at and above the point of diversion, streamflows of not less than 122 cfs in the channel of the Rio Grande between the point of diversion and the Albuquerque Central Avenue gage.

13. Diversion of ‘native’ water from the Rio Grande under this permit shall be curtailed when ‘native’ flow in the channel of the Rio Grande is less than 195 cfs, measured immediately above the storage pool at the point of diversion, by 1 cfs for each 1 cfs drop in ‘native’ flow below 195 cfs. Diversion of ‘native’ water from the Rio Grande under this permit shall be suspended when any of the following situations exist: the amount of return flow to the Rio Grande at the City’s SWRP outfall is less than the amount of ‘native’ water diverted; ‘native’ flow in the channel of the Rio Grande is equal to or less than 130 cfs, measured immediately above the storage pool at the point of diversion or immediately below the point of diversion; streamflows in the channel of the Rio Grande fall below 122 cfs, measured at the Albuquerque Central Avenue gage; or the State Engineer determines that suspension is necessary to meet compact obligations or to protect existing water rights.

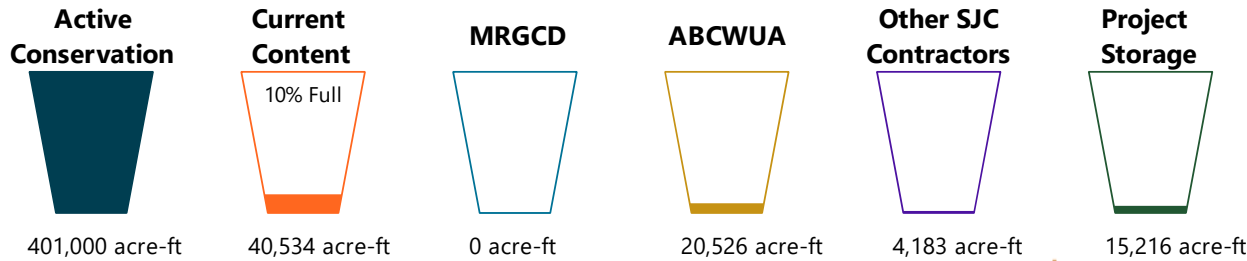
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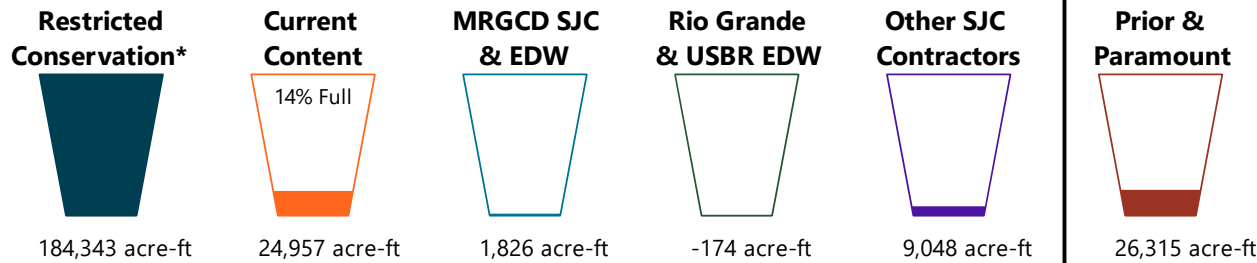
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Apr 7, 2026 data

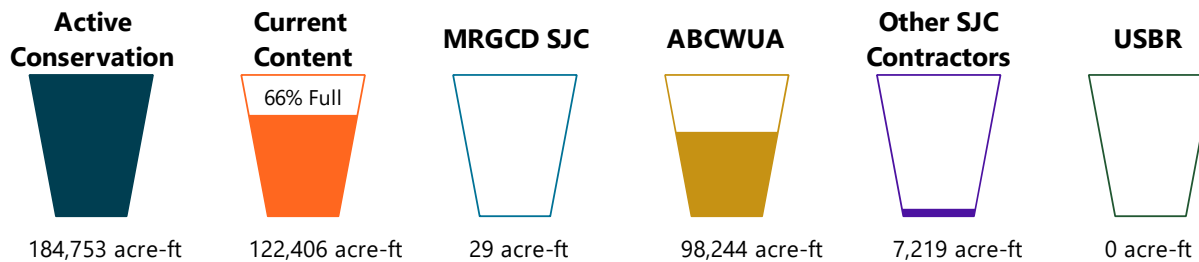
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## El Vado



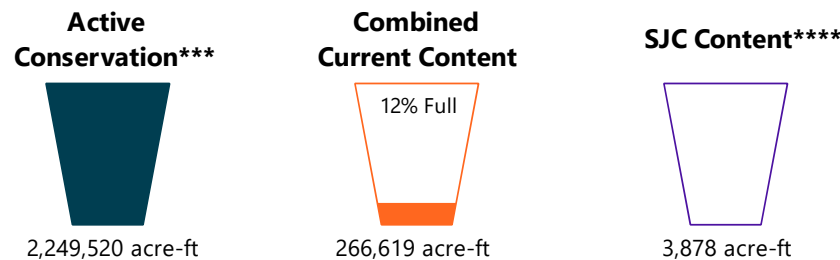
## Abiquiu



## Cochiti



## Elephant Butte and Caballo



\* 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 (4-8-2026)**

1. Heron Summary

|                           |        |       |            |
|---------------------------|--------|-------|------------|
| Content:                  | 40,534 | ac-ft | (4/8/2026) |
| Azotea Tunnel:            | 200    | cfs   |            |
| Total SJ-C Inflow (2026): | 14,230 | ac-ft |            |
| Currently Releasing:      | 0      | cfs   |            |
| Current MRGCD Storage:    | 0      | ac-ft |            |

2. El Vado Summary

|                         |        |       |                          |
|-------------------------|--------|-------|--------------------------|
| Content:                | 24,957 | ac-ft | (4/8/2026)               |
| Rio Grande Storage:     | 14,083 | ac-ft |                          |
| MRGCD SJ-C Storage:     | 1,826  | ac-ft |                          |
| P&P:                    | 14,257 | ac-ft |                          |
| Other SJ-C Contractors: | 9,048  | ac-ft |                          |
| Current Release:        | 400    | cfs   | RG Inflow: 120 - 745 cfs |

3. Abiquiu Summary

|                     |         |       |            |
|---------------------|---------|-------|------------|
| Content:            | 122,406 | ac-ft | (4/8/2026) |
| MRGCD SJ-C Storage: | 29      | ac-ft |            |
| P&P:                | 12,058  | ac-ft |            |

Total Supplemental Water Released (2026): 0 ac-ft

**Current Snow Water Equivalent for Water Year 2026 to 4/8 (% Median; NRCS SNOTEL)**

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Rio Chama Basin.....        | 9%  |
| Upper Rio Grande Basin..... | 16% |
| Sangre de Cristo Basin..... | 12% |
| Jemez Basin.....            | 0%  |
| San Juan River Basin.....   | 18% |

- 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 26,315 ac-ft.
- MRGCD began deliveries in March. Due to limited supply have requested native bypass at Abiquiu to support irrigation demand.
- Below average snowpack and warm temperatures have led to runoff peaking early and declining through the month. The runoff peak on the Rio Chama was likely on March 26, the earliest date on record.
- The NRCS April forecast projects severely low streamflow across the Rio Grande basin, with most forecast points in the bottom 5th percentile of historical records. El Vado Reservoir inflow is forecasted with a probable inflow volume of 40 kaf.

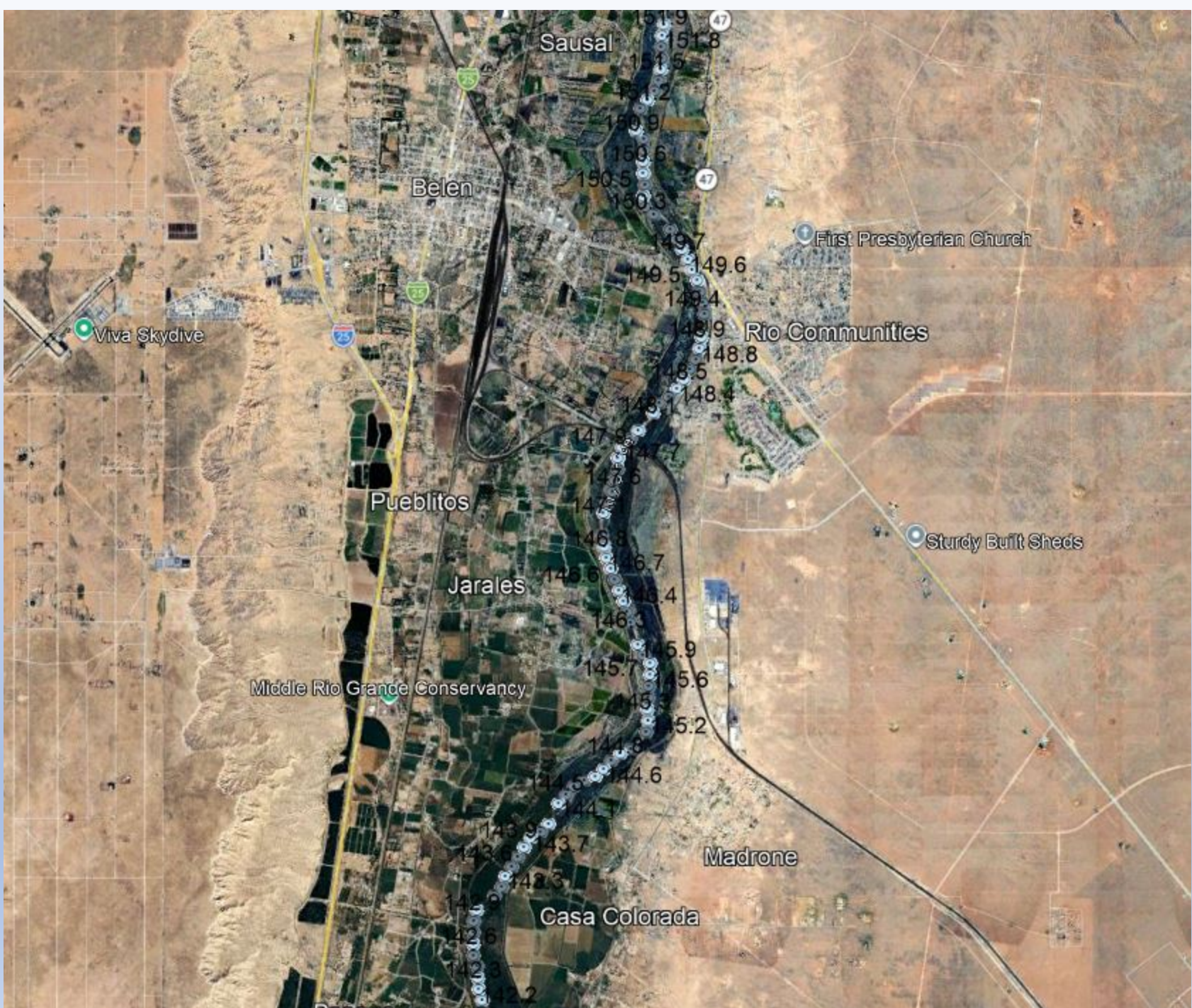
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# Unified Fire Update

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April 13, 2026





















# SPECIAL THANKS TO MRGCD EMPLOYEES;

## *Socorro Division;*

Freddie Martinez  
Richard Montano

## *Belen Division;*

Cole Benjamin  
Jonathan Marquez

# QUESTIONS



*Appendix VI*

# '25/'26 Off Season Construction Update

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April 13, 2026

Presented by:  
Engineering Department



# Socorro Main Canal Channel Lining Phase IIB

Funding Source: WTB

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

Construction: Sanchez Demolition - \$6,473,749.69

- Progress
  - All work was completed on March 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Awaiting final pay application
  - After Change orders, the final Project amount is \$6,219,941.01
  - Underrun Amount \$253,808.68
- Work Completed
  - 1.1 miles of channel lining
  - Turnout replacements
  - New long-crested weir and check structure
  - Rubicon gate installations pending





# Loretta Road/Alameda Intersection Improvements Project

Funding Source: Capital Outlay, Capital Development Program

Consultant Services: BHI - \$111,179.42

Construction: Star Paving - \$982,234.38

Partner Agencies: Bernalillo County, NMDOT

- Contract Times: 115 Calendar Days, tentative signal lead time
- Bid Opening Date: February 2, 2026
- NTP: April 13, 2026
- Anticipated completion: August 6, 2026



# Corrales Siphon Project

Funding Source: WTB

Consultant Services: Wilson & Company - \$996,527.19

Construction: Compass Engineering- \$7,727,166.30  
(w/NMGRT)

- **Progress**

- 2,621,108.19 (34%) Amount Expended
- 33% Contract Time Used
- Overflow pipe/turnout – with temporary shotcrete.
- Three turnouts installed.
- Sinkhole on the east side of the river fully filled.
- Borrow/bank raised on the Pueblo of Sandia side per the Plans.
- Contract paused, pending delivery of conductor casing.

- **Lookahead**

- April – Delivery of 140 LF of 68-inch conductor casing.
- May 2026 – Installation of casing, Prep for HDD
- June 2026 – HDD operation



# Feeder 3 Transmission Line Phase 1

Funding Source: WTB

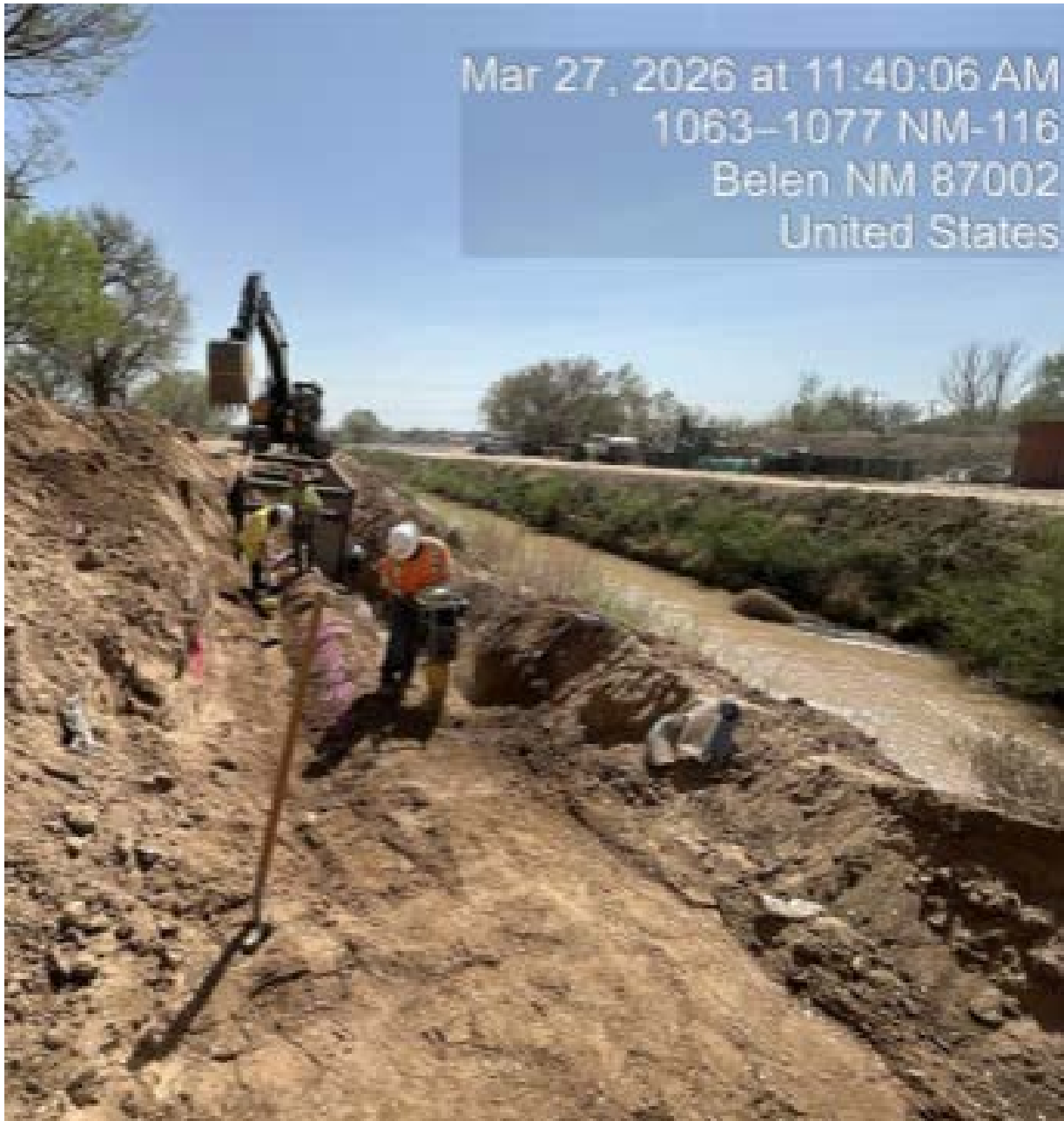
Consultant Services: BHI - \$286,732.37

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

- Progress/Work Completed
  - \$1,923,770.63 (46%) Contract Funds Expended
  - 40% Contract Time Used
  - Jack and Bore at NM 116 completed
  - Approximately 35% of pipe installation completed
  - Open trench pipe install and pavement replacement at Jarales Rd completed
- Lookahead
  - Resume installation of 36" PVC pipe
  - Installation of 6" ARV and vault
  - Contract Completion Date: August 1, 2026



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United States



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United States



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# Completed/ Substantially Complete Project

Atrisco  
Acequia  
Madre

Low Flow  
Conveyance  
Channel Ph 2

BHLC  
Overflow #2

ALGAA Phase  
2

New Belen  
Wasteway

Cochiti Main  
Crossing

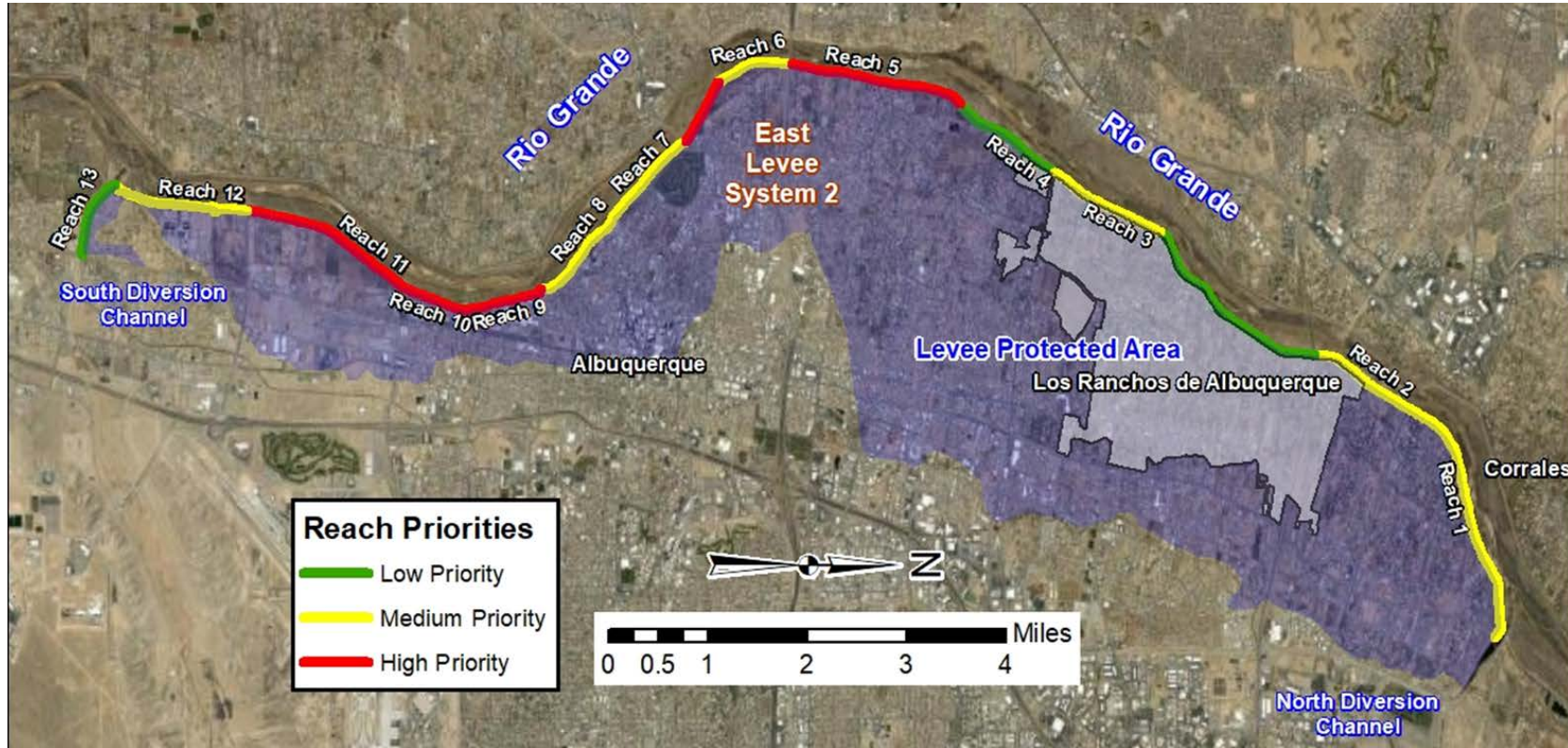
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Crossing

Tribal Road 7  
Crossing

QUESTIONS?



# Planning and Engineering Middle Rio Grande Levee Improvements



MRGCD Board Meeting

April 8, 2026

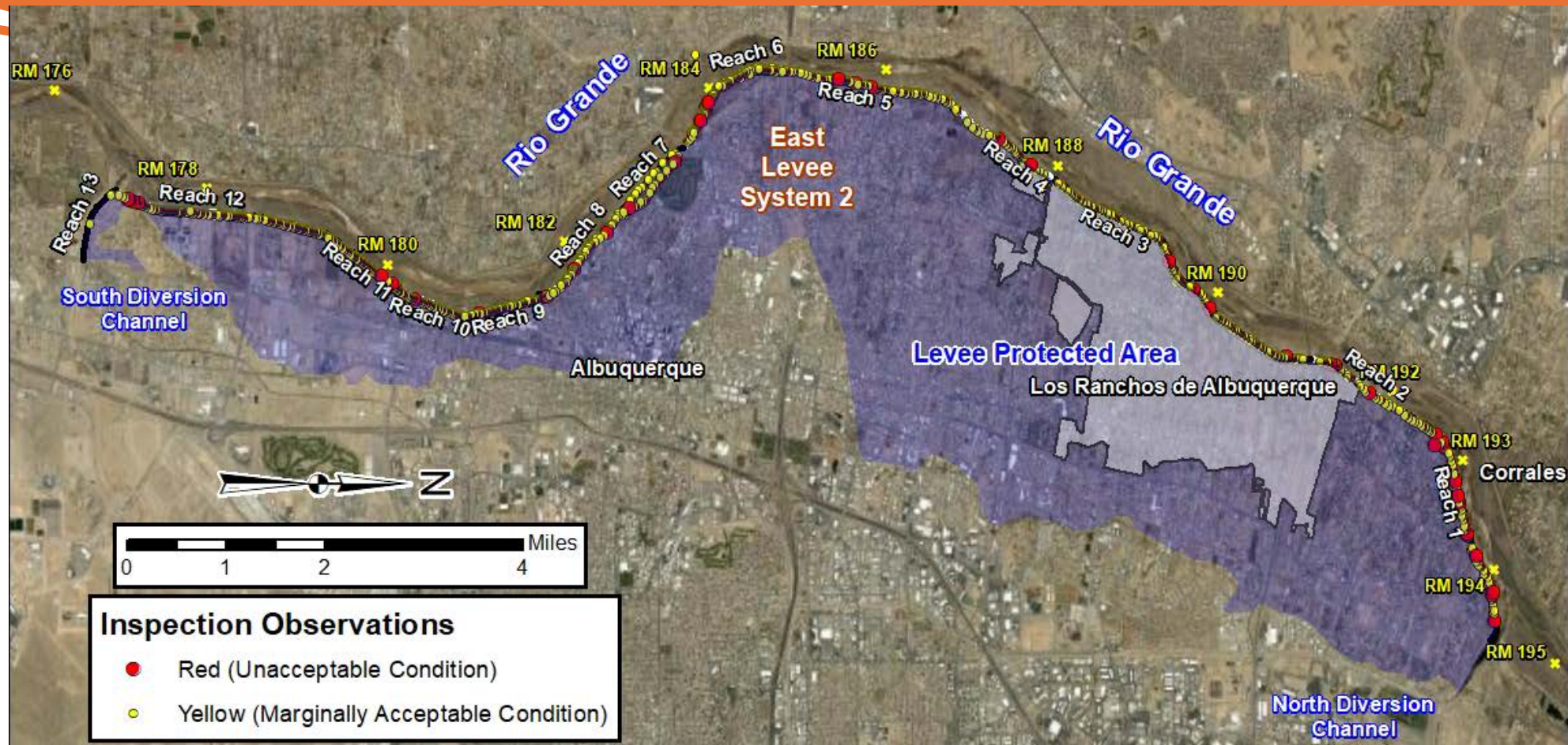


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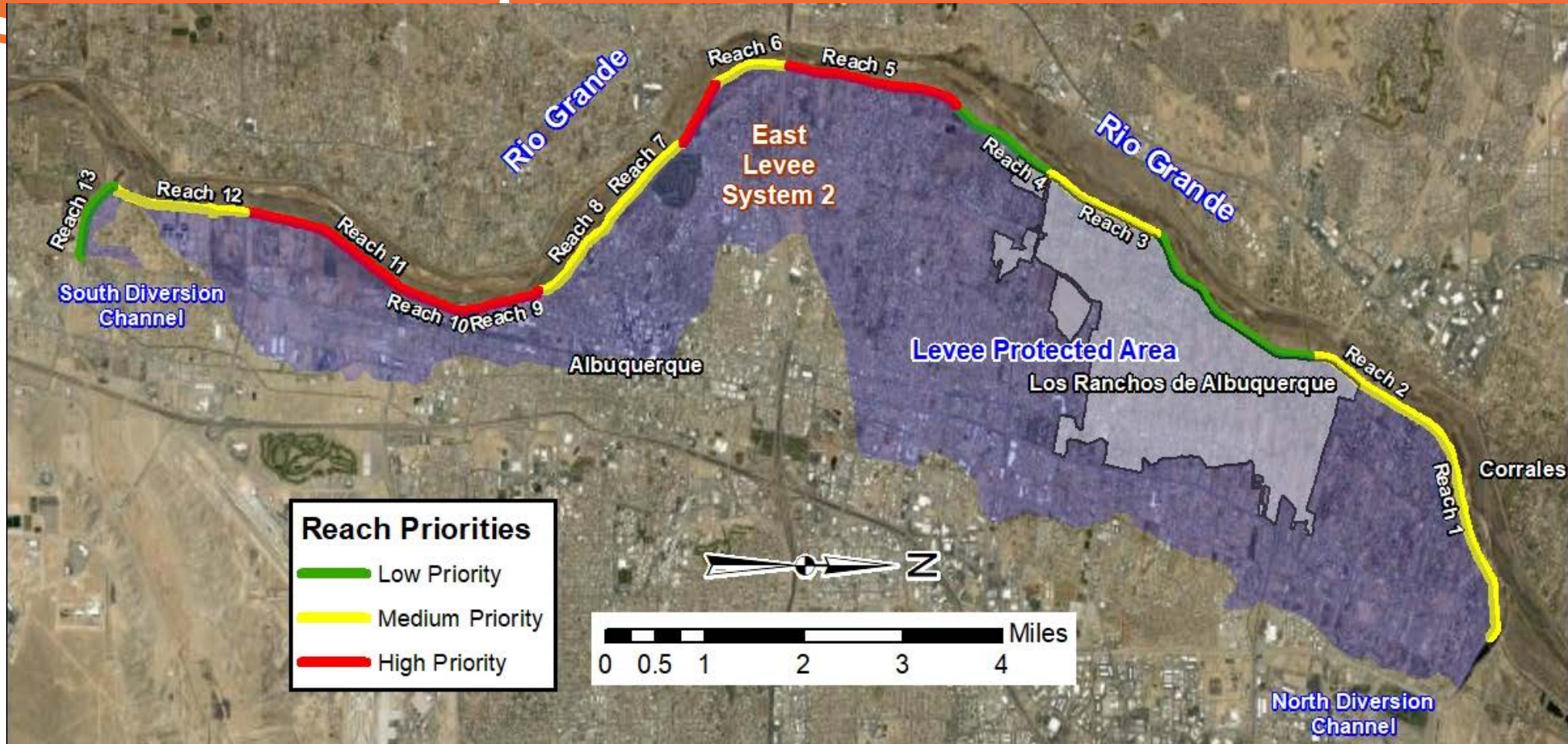
# Initial Assessment Report

Summary of Results: Observation locations along the levee



# Evaluation Report

## Levee Prioritization Exhibit



# Evaluation Report

## Repair & Reconstruction Cost Estimates

### Repair Costs (Based on USACE Levee Cost Estimating & Review

| Summary of Preliminary Cost Estimates                               |                                                       |                                                      |                                                         |                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Description                                                         | Preliminary Total Cost Estimate <sup>1</sup> Based on |                                                      |                                                         | Escalation Date  |
|                                                                     | Low Unit Costs (incl. 35% Contingency) <sup>2</sup>   | High Unit Costs (incl. 45% Contingency) <sup>2</sup> | Example Unit Costs (incl. 45% Contingency) <sup>2</sup> |                  |
| High Priority Rehabilitation (Unacceptable) <sup>3</sup>            | \$157,000                                             | \$1,326,000                                          | \$576,000                                               | 1st Quarter 2028 |
| Medium Priority Rehabilitation (Marginally Acceptable) <sup>3</sup> | \$896,000                                             | \$12,636,000                                         | \$5,365,000                                             | 2nd Quarter 2028 |
| Toe Drain Replacement (Along Entire Levee)                          | \$68,681,000                                          | \$157,712,000                                        | \$110,652,000                                           | 2nd Quarter 2033 |

1. Estimates are escalated to a future Midpoint of Construction and rounded up to Next \$1000.

2. LCET methodology uses a varying contingency cost based upon the range of unit prices

### Reconstruction Costs

| RGFAUER Construction Cost Estimate to 2033 Midpoint of Construction  |              |      |      |                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------|------|---------------------|
| Alternative No. 1 - Tree Buffer Zone, East Levee, Construction Costs |              |      |      |                     |
| 02 Relocations                                                       | \$1,361,820  | 2007 | 2033 | <b>\$3,888,101</b>  |
| 06 Fish & Wildlife Facilities                                        | \$3,856,055  | 2007 | 2033 | <b>\$10,910,620</b> |
| 11 Levees and Floodwalls                                             | \$16,452,376 | 2007 | 2033 | <b>\$46,175,148</b> |
| 14 Recreation Facilities                                             | \$1,295,912  | 2007 | 2033 | <b>\$3,589,975</b>  |
| Total Construction Costs                                             | \$22,966,163 |      |      | <b>\$64,563,844</b> |
| Lands & Damages                                                      | \$2,103,000  | 2007 | 2033 | <b>\$5,907,592</b>  |
| Planning Engineering & Design                                        | \$2,297,000  | 2007 | 2033 | <b>\$6,456,384</b>  |
| Construction Management                                              | \$1,378,000  | 2007 | 2033 | <b>\$4,196,650</b>  |
| Total Project Costs                                                  | \$5,778,000  |      |      | <b>\$16,560,626</b> |
| Total Design & Construction                                          | \$28,744,163 |      |      | <b>\$81,124,470</b> |

# Next Steps

## Legislative Options

### 1) State Capital Investment

- a) Fund design and phased reconstruction to restore FEMA/USACE compliance. Funding from the federal government is typically, a 35% Non-Federal 65% Federal split.
- b) We can investigate USACE 1043(b) (WRDA 2014) authority that would allow for the transfer of federal appropriations to the non-federal sponsor to construct project on their own.

### 2) Multi-Biennium Levee Modernization Program

- a) Could Support levee toe drain replacement, levee erosion repair, vegetation removal, and berm stabilization.
- b) Support Hydrologic & Geotechnical data improvements
- c) Expand LiDAR, geotechnical investigations, and modern flood modeling to support certification.

# Questions?



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# *Appendix VIII*

## **Director Russo Baca Board Reports April 2026**

### **Report on the Middle Rio Grande Urban Waters Spring Quarterly Meeting, March 10, 2026**

Director Russo Baca attended the Middle Rio Grande Urban Waters Spring Quarterly Meeting held at the USGS New Mexico Water Science Center. The meeting convened federal, state, local, and nonprofit partners to coordinate watershed health, community engagement, and restoration efforts in the Middle Rio Grande. The meeting included program updates and presentations on topics such as habitat garden development, green stormwater infrastructure, and community-based conservation initiatives. Presentations were provided by partners including the New Mexico Backyard Refuge Program, the City of Albuquerque Sustainability Office, and the Wildland Seeds Program in collaboration with Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District and Rio Grande Return. Participants also received an update on the Middle Rio Grande Urban Waters Program, followed by roundtable discussions that provided opportunities for networking and collaboration among partners. Discussion emphasized strengthening interagency coordination, advancing community-based environmental stewardship, and identifying opportunities for continued partnership across the watershed.

### **Report on the Urban Issue Committee Meeting, March 11, 2026.**

Director Russo Baca, along with Director Baugh and Director Dunning, participated in the Urban Issue Committee Meeting with MRGCD staff, including Casey Ish and Amanda Molina. This meeting served as one of the initial pilot meetings for the committee, with discussion focused on establishing the direction, purpose, and priorities of the committee moving forward. Participants reviewed the committee's role and discussed opportunities for coordination with staff and stakeholders. The committee also noted that members of the public had begun submitting applications to participate, reflecting community interest and engagement in the process.

### **Report on the Personnel Committee Meeting, March 12, 2026**

Director Russo Baca, Chair Kelly and Director Dunning attended the Personnel Committee Meeting, which focused on Mr. Casuga's performance evaluation as well as strategies to support operational efficiency, employee development, and retention, consistent with ongoing District priorities.

### **Report on the Acequia Walk and Talk, March 13, 2026, Griegos Lateral**

Director Russo Baca participated in an Acequia Walk and Talk along the Griegos Lateral with John Fleck who gave a history lesson to students and community members, about the MRGCD and the historical acequia systems.

### **Report on the Community Resource Fair at Garfield Middle School, March 14, 2026**

Director Russo Baca and Director Dunning attended the North Valley Community Resource Fair held at Garfield Middle School, which brought together local organizations to provide services and information to families and residents. The event focused on connecting the community with resources related to education, health, and public services, while also offering opportunities to share information about water resources and MRGCD programs.

### **Report on the Los Ranchos Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, March 17, 2026**

Director Russo Baca and Vice Chair Baugh attended the Village of Los Ranchos Board of Trustees Meeting to remain informed on local governance matters, including land use, infrastructure, and water-related issues. The meeting included updates on municipal projects and areas of potential coordination with the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District. Director Baugh gave public comment.

### **Report on the VCSWCD Board Meeting, March 19, 2026**

Director Russo Baca participated in the Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting. Director Russo Baca presented an MRGCD water report update as a partner. The VCSWCD Supervisors discussed conservation programs, funding opportunities, and ongoing initiatives to support soil health and water conservation. Continued collaboration between the District and conservation partners remains important for regional resource management.

### **Report on the Backyard Refuge Day, March 21, 2026**

Director Russo Baca attended Bernalillo County's Backyard Refuge Day, an outreach event promoting habitat restoration and conservation practices. The event provided education on water-wise landscaping, pollinator habitats, and sustainable land management practices, supporting community stewardship and conservation awareness. MRGCD Bosque Management Coordinator Jo Strange tabled the event.

### **Report on the NM Water Trust Exploratory Committee Meeting, March 27, 2026**

Director Russo Baca attended the New Mexico Water Trust Exploratory Committee Meeting, which focused on the development of a potential statewide water trust. The meeting included a presentation on institutional forms and governance structures for a water trust, drawing from findings in a recent scoping report. Committee members participated in breakout discussions to evaluate options for organizational structure, including models such as a network of existing organizations, the creation of a new nonprofit entity, or programs housed within existing organizations. Participants discussed the advantages and challenges of each approach and shared initial perspectives on preferred models. The committee also discussed the potential scale and focus of a New Mexico Water Trust, including whether efforts should be statewide or concentrated within a specific basin or watershed. The meeting provided an opportunity to advance discussion on the structure and scope of a water trust and to identify next steps for continued evaluation.

### **Report on the Primera Agua Event, March 29, 2026**

Director Russo Baca and Director Dunning participated in the Primera Agua celebration, which highlights the cultural, environmental, and agricultural significance of water and marks the beginning of the irrigation season. The event included community engagement, cultural recognition, and education about acequia traditions and water stewardship. Participation supported ongoing collaboration with community partners and reinforced the importance of traditional water management systems. Vice Chair Baugh spoke at the event on behalf of MRGCD.

### **Report on the 2026 New Mexico Spring Wetlands Roundtable, April 1, 2026**

Director Russo Baca attended the 2026 New Mexico Spring Wetlands Roundtable, hosted by the New Mexico Environment Department Surface Water Quality Bureau Wetlands Program. The roundtable convenes state, federal, Tribal, and local partners, along with nonprofit organizations and stakeholders, to strengthen collaboration in the restoration and protection of wetlands and riparian resources across New Mexico. The meeting included presentations on topics such as source water protection, integration of Indigenous knowledge with geospatial tools for wetland assessment, statewide risk mapping applications, and updates from the NMED Wetlands Program. Additional discussion highlighted funding opportunities, including the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and watershed-scale restoration efforts utilizing green stormwater infrastructure. The roundtable also provided an opportunity for participants to engage in collaborative discussion on wetland management priorities, emerging challenges, and best practices.

### **Report on the SVRAA Comisionados Meeting, April 6, 2026**

Commissioners and partners discussed acequia coordination efforts, infrastructure needs, and opportunities for collaboration. Continued dialogue focused on strengthening partnerships and identifying funding opportunities to support acequia operation and maintenance.

### **Report on the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Acequia and Land Grant Education Project, April 8, 2026**

Director Russo Baca and Vice Chair Baugh attended the 5th Annual Acequia and Land Grant Education (ALGE) Project event, which focused on education, leadership development, and community engagement related to acequias and land grant communities. The program emphasized cultural heritage, water governance, and the importance of community-based stewardship. The event provided opportunities for collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and continued support for traditional water systems, as well as dual language learning.

### **Report on the Rio Grande 6-Pueblo Coalition Meeting, April 9, 2026**

Director Russo Baca attended the Rio Grande 6-Pueblo Coalition Meeting, where Tribal leadership discussed water management, ongoing projects, and shared priorities. Participants emphasized the importance of continued coordination, communication, and cooperative approaches to resource stewardship among Pueblos and partner agencies.

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**March 11 – Urban Issues Meeting (1:00–2:00 PM)**

Attended a meeting focused on key urban challenges, including infrastructure, growth, and community development, contributing to discussions on ongoing priorities and potential solutions.

**March 16 – Special Board Meeting, Main Office (10:00 AM–12:00 PM)**

Participated in a special board meeting to review organizational updates, discuss strategic initiatives, and address time-sensitive matters requiring board input.

**March 17 – Village of Los Ranchos Trustee Meeting (6:00–7:00 PM)**

Observed and engaged in discussions with village trustees regarding local governance issues, community concerns, and municipal decision-making.

**March 18 – Village of Los Ranchos Agriculture Subcommittee Meeting (3:00–4:45 PM)**

Attended a subcommittee meeting focused on agricultural priorities, water use, and sustainability efforts affecting the local farming community.

**March 19 – OSE MRGV Water Update (6:30–7:30 PM, Virtual)**

Joined a virtual update session covering current developments, policies, and challenges related to water management in the Middle Rio Grande Valley.

**March 21 – Red Shovel & Bosque Clean-Up Planning for Route 66 Centennial (10:30 AM–12:00 PM)**

Collaborated with partners to develop ideas and strategies for community clean-up efforts in the Bosque in preparation for the upcoming Route 66 Centennial.

**March 29 – Primera Agua Event (9:00 AM–1:00 PM)**

Attended a community event focused on water education, conservation, and outreach, engaging with stakeholders and the public.

**April 2 – Fire Managers Meeting, Main Office (9:00–11:00 AM)**

Participated in a meeting with fire management professionals to discuss preparedness, response strategies, and coordination efforts.

**April 8 – ALGA Pre-Conference (7:30 AM–3:00 PM)**

Attended pre-conference sessions featuring presentations and discussions on governance, leadership, and relevant policy topics.

**April 9 – Polk Middle School Speech with Martin Heinrich (9:00–10:30 AM)**

Attended and supported a school visit and speech by Senator Heinrich, engaging students on civic involvement and public service.

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### Urban Issues Committee Mtg (I attended in person)

The committee discussed a draft letter that was written to the City to address the Acequia Madre Project and there was a discussion about who should receive the letter and when it should be sent. It was decided to wait until after the Primera Agua celebration to send the letter to the mayor, and to invite City Councilors to the Primera Agua celebration.

### March 19, Zoom meeting on State's Plan to Prevent the Pending Middle Rio Grande Compact Violation

The presentations were given by the State Engineer, Interstate Stream Commission Director and legal counsel for the State Engineer's office. Much of it was information that they had previously shared with us at a board meeting. Some of it was "tools in the toolbox" that the State is considering rather than a definitive plan.

### March 29 Primera Agua Celebration

The celebration was well attended with maybe 100 people at the maximum. Speeches were given by Commissioner Barbara Baca, Colin Baugh, Jorge Garcia, Santiago Maestas, a representative from the City's Open Space and there was an indigenous blessing song. Deb Haaland attended and also gave some remarks. There were tables for CESOSS, the Acequia Association, the Open Space and there were burritos, coffee and later a lunch that was provided by the Utton Center. Traditional dances were performed.



# MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors

Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer

From: Casey Ish, Director of Lands and Conservation

Date: May 7, 2026

Re: Consideration/Approval of Executed Licenses for April 2026

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**Summary:** *MRGCD EXECUTED the following licenses for April 2026*

1. **281-2025 – Special Use License with Sunshine Plumbing to install a buried utility per MRGCD infrastructure license no. 054-2026**
2. **288-2025 – License with Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to install and maintain an erosion basin and headwall within the Isleta Interior Drain right-of-way.**
3. **293-2025 - License to maintain an existing 72” Ø x 17’ culvert crossing within the Corrales Acequia right-of-way to serve MRGCD Map 16, Tracts 84B, 84C1A and 84C1B in the care of current owner(s) and its successors and/or assigns.**
4. **323-2025 – License with Comcast of New Mexico to install and maintain an aerial utility crossing within the Alameda Interior Drain and Gallegos Lateral rights-of-way.**
5. **054-2026 - License with Michael Houx to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the Alameda Interior Drain and Derramadera Wasteway rights-of-way.**
6. **101-2026 – Special Use License with Enterprise Builders Corporation to install temporary construction fencing within the Rogers Lateral right-of-way.**
7. **108-2026 – Special Use License with WSP, USA to film PSA interviews about the Rio Grande Compact within the Socorro Mian Canal North right-of-way.**



37           **WHEREAS**, the 1928 Contract further provides that MRGCD “hereby recognizes  
38 these water rights now appurtenant to the said area of irrigated Pueblo Indian Lands . . . as  
39 prior and paramount to any rights of the district or of any property holder therein;” and

40           **WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer issued Permit No. 1690 to  
41 MRGCD allowing for the appropriation of 198,110 acre feet of storage of Rio Chama water in  
42 El Vado Reservoir to supplement MRGCD’s natural flow right; and

43           **WHEREAS**, the State Engineer approval for Permit No. 1690 stated “[t]his application  
44 is approved provided it is not exercised to the detriment of any others having prior valid  
45 existing rights to the waters of said stream system,” and the “accepted priority date of the  
46 filing is September 4, 1923;” and

47           **WHEREAS**, in 1931, the State Engineer issued Permit No. 0620 to MRGCD for  
48 MRGCD’s diversions from the Rio Grande; and

49           **WHEREAS**, in its application for Permit No. 0620, the MRGCD asserted water rights  
50 appurtenant to 123,267 acres of land, including 80,785 acres of land irrigated prior to the  
51 Conservancy Project and well before 1923; and

52           **WHEREAS**, MRGCD’s right under Permit No. 0620 includes diversions to carry water  
53 to the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos’ “prior and paramount” and newly reclaimed lands; and

54           **WHEREAS**, MRGCD began principal construction on El Vado Dam in 1933, and El  
55 Vado Reservoir filled by 1936; and

56           **WHEREAS**, from initial construction until approximately 1956, MRGCD operated El  
57 Vado Dam and Reservoir pursuant to Permit No. 1690; and

58           **WHEREAS**, in 1938, the States of New Mexico, Colorado, and Texas entered into the  
59 Rio Grande Compact (“Compact”) (53 Stat. 785); and

60           **WHEREAS**, the Compact apportions the natural waters of the Rio Grande among the  
61 States of Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas; and

62           **WHEREAS**, under Article VI of the Compact, if New Mexico is in debit status, New  
63 Mexico must retain water in storage at all times to the extent of its accrued debit; and

64           **WHEREAS**, under Article VII of the Compact, whenever Usable Water in the Rio  
65 Grande Project storage account at Elephant Butte and Caballo Reservoirs is less than  
66 400,000 AF, New Mexico and Colorado may not increase the storage of natural Rio Grande  
67 Basin water in upstream reservoirs constructed after 1929; and

68           **WHEREAS**, Article XVI of the Compact provides that “[n]othing in this Compact shall  
69 be construed as affecting the obligations of the United States of America to Mexico under  
70 existing treaties or to the Indian Tribes, or as impairing the rights of the Indian Tribes;” and

71           **WHEREAS**, MRGCD records show that the estimate for the area of lands within the  
72 Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos under cultivation in 1928 changed from 8,346 acres to 8,847  
73 acres in approximately 1939; and

74           **WHEREAS**, Congress passed the Flood Control Act of 1948 (“1948 Act”) (62 Stat.  
75 1171) to appropriate money to prepare a “comprehensive plan” to rehabilitate MRGCD’s  
76 irrigation structures; and

77           **WHEREAS**, the 1948 Act recognizes that the plan was not intended to affect or  
78 abrogate “in any way the laws of the State of New Mexico in which the Middle Rio Grande  
79 Valley lies, relating to the control, appropriation, or distribution of water used in irrigation or  
80 for municipal or other uses, or any right vested therein;” and

81           **WHEREAS**, Congress passed the Flood Control Act of 1950 (“1950 Act”) (64 Stat.  
82 163) to appropriate money for “completion of the plan approved in the Flood Control Act of  
83 June 30, 1948, for the Rio Grande Basin;” and

84           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the 1950 Act, MRGCD executed Contract 178r-423, Contract  
85 Between the United States and the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District for Rehabilitation  
86 and Construction of Project Works, and Repayment of Reimbursable Construction Costs  
87 Thereof (“1951 Contract”); and

88           **WHEREAS**, the 1951 Contract provides that MRGCD shall transfer “water filings  
89 including filing for storage and use of water in the El Vado Reservoir” to the United States “for  
90 beneficial use in the project and for Indian lands in the project area;” and

91           **WHEREAS**, the 1951 Contract further provides that “[t]he status of the Indian lands  
92 and water rights in relation to the Conservancy District and the Bureau of Reclamation shall  
93 not be changed whether the works of said District are operated by the District or by the Bureau  
94 of Reclamation;” and

95           **WHEREAS**, MRGCD executed Amendment No. 3 to the 1951 Contract in 1956; and

96           **WHEREAS**, Amendment No. 3 to the 1951 Contract provides that the United States  
97 shall assume “operation and maintenance of El Vado Dam and Reservoir;” and

98           **WHEREAS**, in 1957, the Bureau of Indian Affairs promulgated 25 C.F.R. § 172.1  
99 designating the total irrigable area of the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos as 20,242.05 acres,  
100 of which 8,847 acres are “[l]ands with recognized water rights not subject to operation and  
101 maintenance or betterment changes by the District and designated as ‘now irrigated’” for the  
102 purposes of the 1928 Act; and

103           **WHEREAS**, beginning in 1958, MRGCD executed several operation and maintenance  
104 contracts with the Bureau of Reclamation; and

105           **WHEREAS**, MRGCD executed in 1980 the Agreement By and Between the United  
106 States of America Acting by the Secretary of the Interior, and the Middle Rio Grande  
107 Conservancy District, Political Subdivision of the State of New Mexico, Providing for the  
108 Payment of Operation and Maintenance Charges on Newly Reclaimed Pueblo Indian Lands  
109 in the Rio Grande Valley, New Mexico, and for Other Purposes (“1980 O&M Contract”); and

110           **WHEREAS**, the 1980 O&M Contract incorporates terms from the 1928 Contract  
111 whereby MRGCD agreed that water rights for 8,346 acres are “prior and paramount to any  
112 rights of the District or of any property holder therein;” and

113           **WHEREAS**, The 1980 O&M Contract provides that MRGCD agrees “to implement and  
114 protect such storage rights” of the Pueblo as they “have enjoyed . . . since [El Vado]  
115 [R]eservoir was placed in operation;” and

116           **WHEREAS**, in 1981, the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Irrigation Committee, Bureau  
117 of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Reclamation, and Secretary of Interior’s Designated Engineer  
118 executed the Agreement: Procedures for Storage and Release of Indian Water Entitlement  
119 of the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos (“1981 Procedures Agreement”); and

120           **WHEREAS**, MRGCD is not a party to the 1981 Procedures Agreement; and

121           **WHEREAS**, the 1981 Procedures Agreement provides, “the [Bureau of Reclamation]  
122 shall annually store, or designate for storage, the quantity of water in the El Vado Reservoir  
123 necessary to satisfy the prior and paramount water rights of the six [Middle Rio Grande]  
124 Pueblos, as determined by [Bureau of Reclamation] and Designated Engineer,” regardless of  
125 whether such storage operations may impair senior downstream rights, including MRGCD’s  
126 water right; and

127           **WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Reclamation continues to operate El Vado Dam and  
128 Reservoir pursuant to the 1951 Contract, as amended, and Permit No. 1690, including  
129 storage operations according to the 1981 Procedures Agreement for the Six Middle Rio  
130 Grande Pueblos’ “prior and paramount” rights; and

131           **WHEREAS**, during maintenance and reconstruction operations at El Vado Dam, the  
132 Bureau of Reclamation, Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority and the  
133 MRGCD have reached an agreement to allow the storage of up to 100,000 acre-feet of water  
134 for the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos, Rio Grande Compact debit water, and MRGCD usable  
135 irrigation water, in the water authority’s allotted space in Abiquiu Reservoir;

136           **WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Reclamation now stores water in and makes releases from  
137 Abiquiu Reservoir for “prior and paramount” operations; and

138           **WHEREAS**, storage operations in either El Vado Reservoir or Abiquiu Reservoir  
139 pursuant to the 1981 Procedures Agreement and Permit No. 1690 may, depending on timing  
140 and hydrological conditions, result in decreased stream flow at MRGCD’s diversion points;  
141 and

142           **WHEREAS**, the exercise of the junior right under Permit No. 1690 for storage  
143 operations in either El Vado Reservoir or Abiquiu Reservoir may, depending on timing and  
144 hydrological conditions, impair MRGCD’s senior water rights under Permit No. 0620,

145 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors that:

- 146 1. MRGCD recognizes that natural flow water rights appurtenant to the lands of the  
147 Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos under cultivation in 1928 are prior and paramount  
148 to the natural flow water rights of the district; and
- 149 2. MRGCD submits that its diversion right and other water rights for lands under  
150 cultivation prior to September 4, 1923, including its diversion right to serve lands  
151 of the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos, has priority over any storage right under  
152 Permit No. 1690, including storage for “prior and paramount” operations; and
- 153 3. MRGCD has not waived or otherwise disclaimed its right to seek priority  
154 administration against any storage right, including the storage right under Permit  
155 No. 1690; and
- 156 4. The Chief Engineer / Chief Executive Officer of the district shall have the power,  
157 discretion, and responsibility to do all things necessary or advisable to assert and  
158 protect the priority of MRGCD’s water rights, including the right to divert water to  
159 serve the prior and paramount rights of the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos or  
160 protest any water right applications or other administrative actions; and
- 161 5. The Chief Engineer / Chief Executive Officer of the district shall supervise, direct,  
162 coordinate, and control studies and monitoring efforts necessary or advisable to  
163 determine if and when storage operations impair MRGCD’s water rights, and if the  
164 Chief Engineer / Chief Executive Officer determines that storage operations are  
165 impairing or imminently will impair MRGCD’s water rights, then the Chief Engineer  
166 / Chief Executive Officer may, in his / her / their discretion, request that the State  
167 Engineer perform priority administration or alternative administration, make a call  
168 on the river, or take such other necessary or advisable actions to demand that  
169 junior water rights holders curtail their use to protect MRGCD’s senior rights; and
- 170 6. MRGCD generally supports efforts to review the 1981 Procedures Agreement,  
171 including discussions of carryover storage, as necessary to allow the Six Middle  
172 Rio Grande Pueblos to receive the benefit of water stored in priority for lands with  
173 prior and paramount water rights, without impairing or compromising MRGCD’s  
174 rights.

175 Passed by the District Board this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

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**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

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181 John P. Kelly, Chairman  
182 MRGCD Board of Directors  
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185 **ATTEST:**

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Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM

189 Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

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# MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors

Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer

From: Anne Marken, River Operations Manager, Water Operations

Date: May 11, 2026

Re: Consideration/Approval To Not Release MRGCD 2026 SJC Allocation for Irrigation in 2026

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## **Summary:**

Before 2020, MRGCD typically received its current-year San Juan-Chama allocation and saved it for release during the following irrigation season. In 2020, due to extremely challenging water supply conditions, MRGCD released all available storage water. Since then, MRGCD has released its current-year allocation in the same year it was received.

Releasing San Juan-Chama water in the year it is allocated creates challenges for water managers because the allocation is received piecemeal through monthly allocations. In this scenario water managers often have less than the full allocation available when releases begin, which has led MRGCD to borrow against future monthly allocations to maintain ongoing releases.

The 2026 allocation is expected to be 30% or less of a full allocation, or 6,270 acre-feet or less. MRGCD has currently received 2,090 acre-feet from its 2026 allocation. If MRGCD began releasing that water from storage today to meet irrigator demand, it would last approximately 3.5 days.

## **Staff Recommendation:**

MRGCD staff recommends that the Board of Directors forgo releases of San Juan-Chama water for middle valley irrigation in 2026 and instead preserve the allocation for use in the following irrigation season, if needed. This approach would allow MRGCD to begin the next irrigation season with a known quantity of storage water that can be managed more effectively and aligned with historical practices.

# Reservoir Storage Status

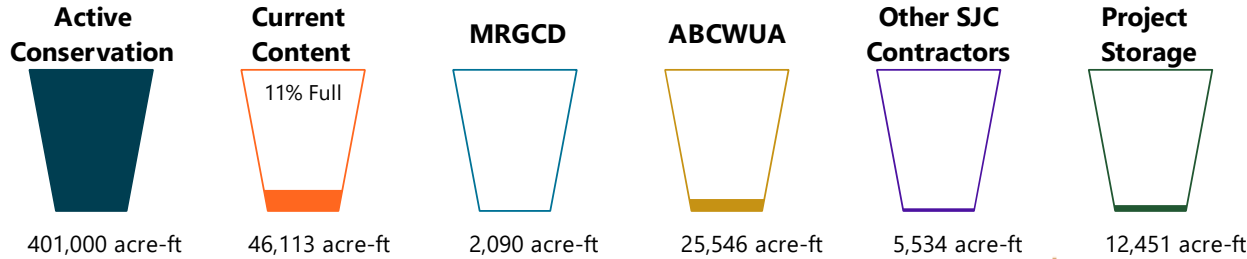
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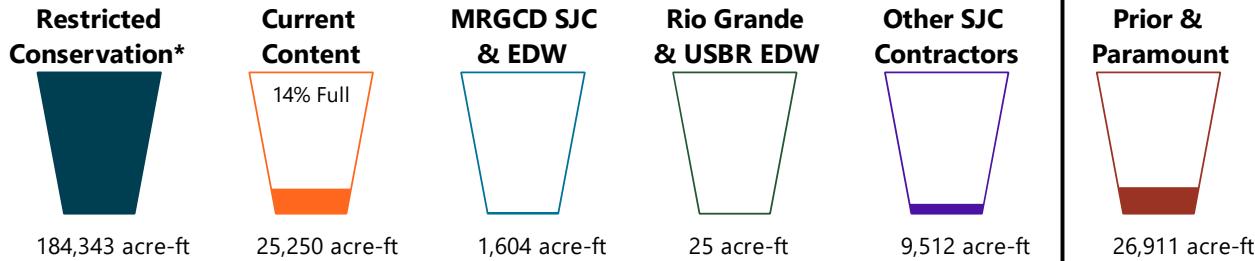
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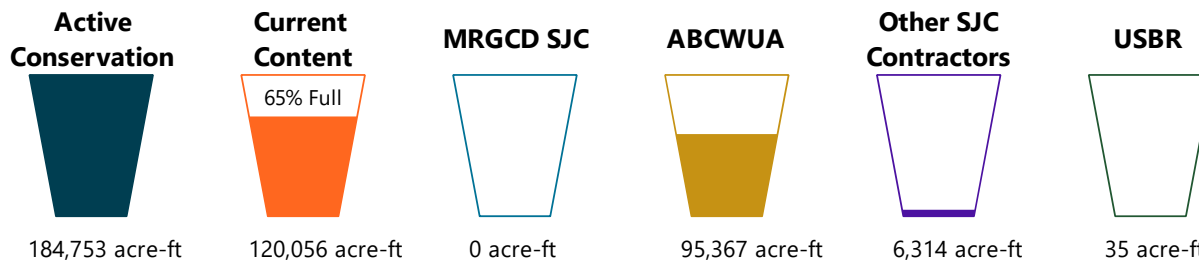
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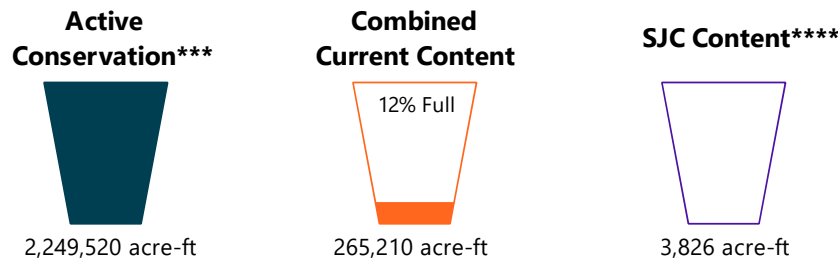
## Abiquiu



## Cochiti



## Elephant Butte and Caballo



\* 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 (5-6-2026)**

1. Heron Summary

|                           |        |       |            |
|---------------------------|--------|-------|------------|
| Content:                  | 46,113 | ac-ft | (5/6/2026) |
| Azotea Tunnel:            | 60     | cfs   |            |
| Total SJ-C Inflow (2026): | 21,733 | ac-ft |            |
| Currently Releasing:      | 40     | cfs   |            |
| Current MRGCD Storage:    | 2,090  | ac-ft |            |

2. El Vado Summary

|                         |        |       |                          |
|-------------------------|--------|-------|--------------------------|
| Content:                | 25,250 | ac-ft | (5/6/2026)               |
| Rio Grande Storage:     | 14,134 | ac-ft |                          |
| MRGCD SJ-C Storage:     | 1,604  | ac-ft |                          |
| P&P:                    | 14,109 | ac-ft |                          |
| Other SJ-C Contractors: | 9,512  | ac-ft |                          |
| Current Release:        | 175    | cfs   | RG Inflow: 175 - 580 cfs |

3. Abiquiu Summary

|                     |         |       |            |
|---------------------|---------|-------|------------|
| Content:            | 120,056 | ac-ft | (5/6/2026) |
| MRGCD SJ-C Storage: | 0       | ac-ft |            |
| P&P:                | 12,801  | ac-ft |            |

Total Supplemental Water Released (2026): 595 ac-ft

Current Snow Water Equivalent for Water Year 2026 to 5/6 (% Median; NRCS SNOTEL)

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Rio Chama Basin.....        | 3%  |
| Upper Rio Grande Basin..... | 14% |
| Sangre de Cristo Basin..... | 16% |
| Jemez Basin.....            | 0%  |
| San Juan River Basin.....   | 16% |

- 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 26,910 ac-ft.
- Snowpack across the basin has effectively melted out. Moderate spring storms have provided some support to Rio Chama flows, but all available flow is needed to meet irrigation demand in the Middle Rio Grande Valley.
- A coordinated "jiggle" took place from April 29 to May 1, doubling flows past the Isleta diversion dam from approximately 35 to 70 cfs in an attempt to cue Rio Grande silvery minnow spawning for egg collection. Fish response was low with a total of 12 eggs observed.
- River drying in the San Acacia reach began on March 27 with about 42 miles dry today. Drying in the Isleta reach began on April 15 with about 8 miles dry today.



# MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors  
 Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer  
 From: Human Resources  
 Date: May 11, 2026  
 Re: Introduction of New Hires and Job/Title Changes

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## Cochiti Division

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| MANUEL | CORRAL | HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR | 04/27/2026 PROMOTION |
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## Socorro Division

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| TIMOTHY | GONZALES | MECHANIC | 05/11/2026 |
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# MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors  
Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer  
From: Casey Ish, Director of Lands and Conservation  
Michael Padilla, ROW Supervisor  
Date: April 8, 2026

Re: Sais Lateral Abandonment and Removal Sta. 58+60± to 66+00± – ISO Zone B13 - Belen Division

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**Summary: Abandonment of the Lower Sais Lateral, beginning at the water pass crossing at the Casa Colorada Drain and extending to the Casa Colorada Acequia. The proposed abandonment will not negatively impact MRGCD's ability to deliver irrigation water to Tract 18A1B (21.01 acres), owned by Mark Casey Garcia.**

History - MRGCD received a request from Mr. Garcia to evaluate the abandonment of the Lower Sais Lateral within his property. He indicated that when irrigation water is scheduled through the ISO, delivery does not occur via the Sais Lateral. Instead, water is checked on the Casa Colorada Acequia and backs into the Sais Lateral east of the water pass to irrigate Tract 18A1B.

The Sais Lateral is classified as a community ditch for which MRGCD holds an easement established through plat or survey. Staff have determined that abandonment of the proposed section will not negatively impact MRGCD's ability to efficiently deliver irrigation water to downstream users.

Upon Board approval, the following actions are proposed:

The MRGCD Right-of-Way Department will notify Mr. Garcia of the requirement to replat Tract 18A1B to vacate the ditch easement located within his private property.

MRGCD will review the replat, and the Director of Lands and Conservation will provide final approval and signature.

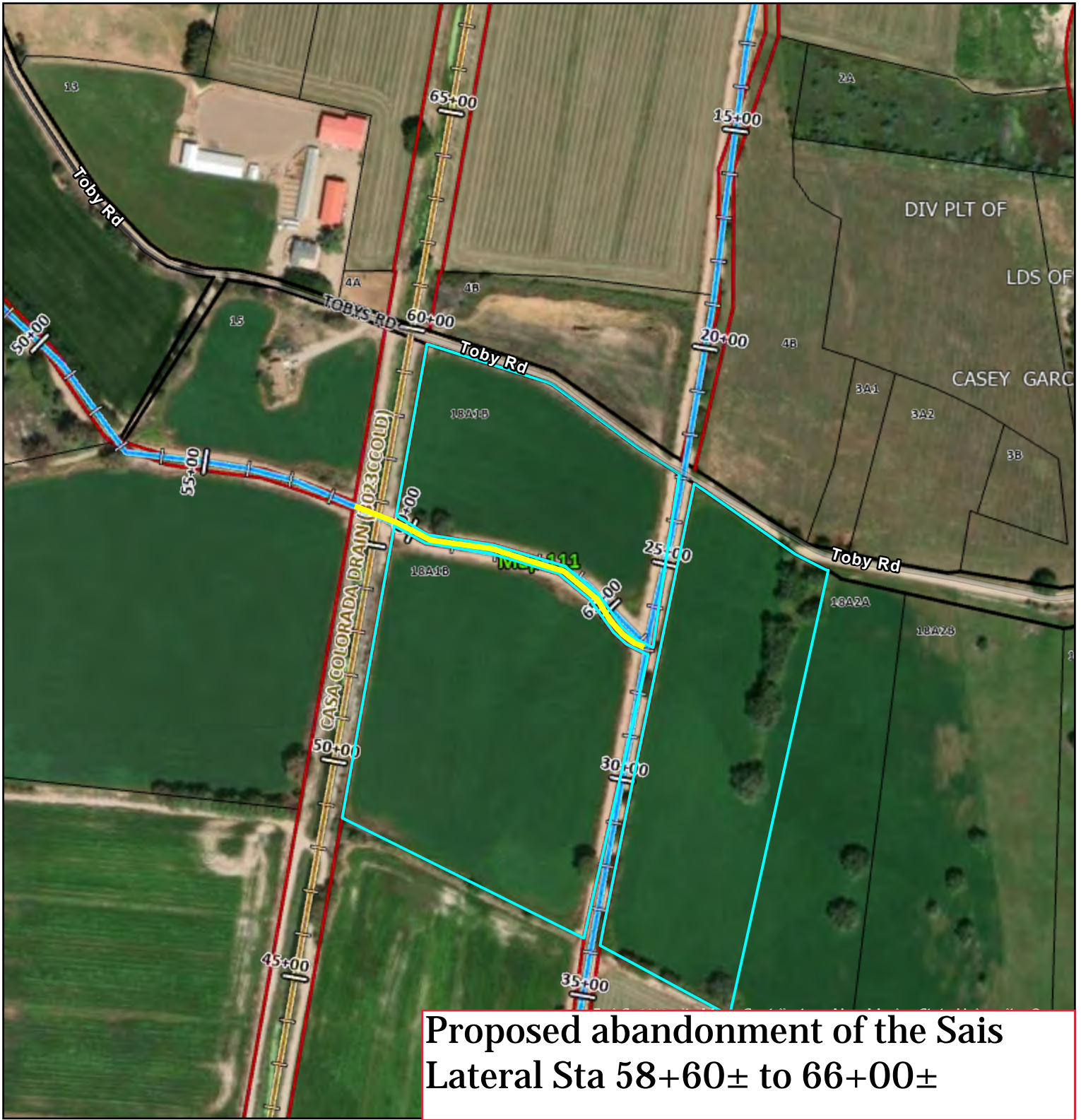
MRGCD's Mapping department will reflect the changes on all GIS layers.

MRGCD's Engineering Department will conduct a survey and design a properly sized turnout from the Casa Colorada Acequia, along with a wasteway discharging to the Casa Colorada Drain. This will include removal of any existing infrastructure within the abandoned section, as necessary.

MRGCD crews will complete construction and installation of the turnout and wasteway during the off-season timeframe.

Mr. Garcia will be responsible for regrading and/or removal of the abandoned portion of the Sais Lateral within his private property.


Upon completion of the turnout and wasteway, MRGCD will report back to the Board.






**Proposed abandonment of the Sais Lateral Sta 58+60± to 66+00±**



**Exhibit Map**


 1 inch = 376 feet  
 This map is for reference purposes only.

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| <b>MRGCD Cadastre Lines</b><br>— Lot Lines<br>- - - Combined Lots<br>— MRGCD ROW<br>— Public ROW | <b>Facility Network</b><br> Drain<br> Other |  MRGCD Map Index |
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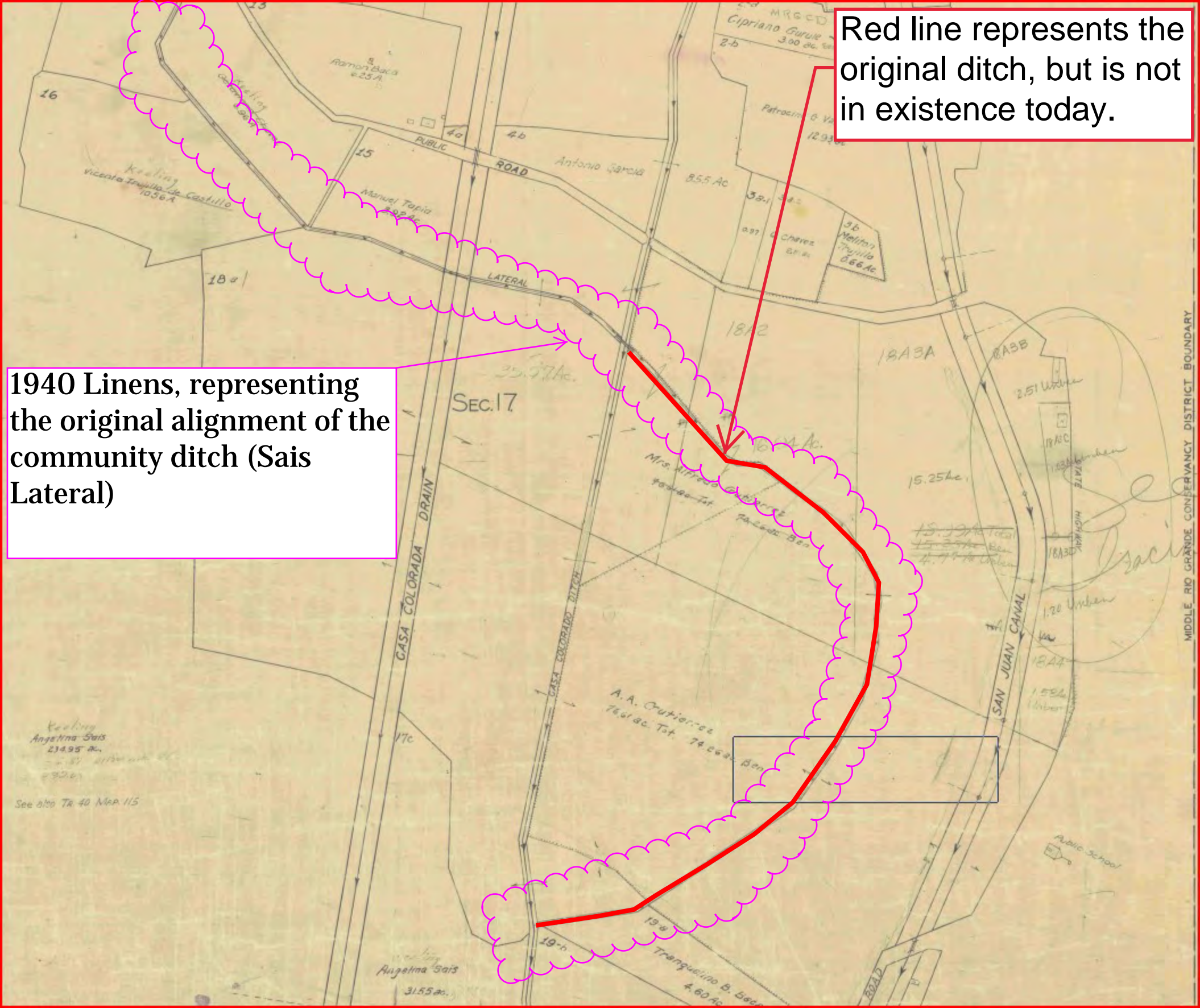
NEW WASTEWAY - SAIS LATERAL TO CASA COLORADA DRAIN



NEW TURNOUT - TBD ACTUAL LOCATION

Red line represents the original ditch, but is not in existence today.

1940 Linens, representing the original alignment of the community ditch (Sais Lateral)



# North West

☀ 305°NW (T) ● 34°34'23"N, 106°45'16"W ±9ft ▲ 4782ft



Photo 1, looking west from the Casa Colorada Acequia at the discharge point of the Sais Lateral. The Check downstream is up, Irrigation water from the Casa Colorada Acequia is backing into the Sais Lateral.

07 Apr 2026, 09:37:28

# South West

☉ 215°SW (T) ● 34°34'25"N, 106°45'18"W ±16ft ▲ 4786ft



Photo 2, Turnout that supplies the southern half of Tract 18A1B.

07 Apr 2026, 09:38:29

# South West

☉ 226°SW (T) ● 34°34'26"N, 106°45'22"W ±16ft ▲ 4785ft



Photo 3, Second Turnout that supplies irrigation to the southern half of Tract 18A1B

07 Apr 2026, 09:39:43

# West

☉ 278°W (T) ● 34°34'27"N, 106°45'23"W ±13ft ▲ 4786ft



Photo 4, Water pass across the Casa Colorado Drain.

07 Apr 2026, 09:40:22

# South East

☀ 131°SE (T) ● 34°34'27"N, 106°45'24"W ±9ft ▲ 4785ft



Photo 5, Water pass inlet, Proposed area of a new wasteway to the Casa Colorado Drain.

07 Apr 2026, 09:40:47



# MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors

Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer

From: Casey Ish, Director, Land and Conservation Department

Date: May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Re: Consideration /Approval of MOU between MRGCD and Ciudad Soil & Water Conservation District (CSWCD)

## **Summary:**

MRGCD staff have worked to develop a 5-year MOU with CSWCD that describes a desire to identify and commit our collective resources for constituents within the Benefitted Area of the MRGCD to support water and soil conservation, agriculture, and species habitat, among other priorities. This MOU does not obligate any funds, rather it defines the intent of the partnership between our entities. Subsequent joint projects will be defined under specific, streamlined project agreements.

## **Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommend approving the MOU between CSWCD and MRGCD.

Casey Ish  
Director of Lands & Conservation

## Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is made and entered this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2026 (the “Effective Date”) by and between the Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District, a tax-exempt, non-regulatory governmental subdivision of the State of New Mexico (“CSWCD”) with the address of 100 Sun Ave NE, Unit 160, Albuquerque, NM 87109 and the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (“MRGCD”), a governmental entity of the state of New Mexico with its principal place of business at 1931 Second Street SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102, and mailing address of P.O. Box 581, Albuquerque, NM 87103, (the “Parties”) whereby CSWCD and MRGCD desire to partner on various agricultural conservation, education, and or sustainability projects beginning in fiscal year 2027 for five (5) consecutive fiscal years .

### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the mission of the CSWCD is to control and prevent soil erosion; prevent sediment and floodwater damage; further conservation, development, beneficial application and proper disposal of water; promote the use of impounding water for recreation, propagation of fish and wildlife, irrigation, and for urban and industrial needs; and through the application of these measures, conserve and develop the natural resources of the state, providing for flood control, preserving wildlife, protecting the tax base, and promoting the health ,safety and general welfare of the people of New Mexico as outlined in the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation District Act (NMSA § 73-20-26), and

WHEREAS, the mission of the MRGCD is to provide irrigation, drainage, and flood protection services while preserving the ecological, cultural and quality of life values within the Middle Rio Grande (MRG); and

WHEREAS, the Parties see mutual benefit to their constituents and missions through future technical and financial partnership on agricultural water and soil conservation projects within the Benefitted Area of Middle Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Parties seek to improve watershed health and habitat quality along the MRG corridor and associated agricultural lands for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the MRGCD has a need for identifying, designing, and implementing various water conservation projects in support of endangered species mentioned in the 2016 Biological Opinion, of which the MRGCD is a signatory; and

WHEREAS, the MRGCD has substantial land management responsibilities on its properties within the MRG.

NOW THEREFORE, the MRGCD and CSWCD agree to the following

1. The Parties agree to collaboratively deliver Technical and Financial Support for Various Agricultural Water and Soil Conservation Projects (the “Purpose”).

The Parties will collectively identify and determine appropriate conservation projects consistent with the Purpose of this MOU by:

- a. Identifying and cost sharing agricultural conservation projects that meet mutual objectives.
  - b. Contributing funds following the execution of specific project funding agreements for the following activities, consistent with the Purpose:
    - i. Partially or fully funding various elements of water and or soil conservation projects on Benefited Lands within the MRG.
      - a) Determining habitat management goals and objectives in coordination with resource management partners.
      - b) Implementing habitat management strategies and actions to achieve resource management objectives.
      - c) Providing scientific monitoring expertise.
    - ii. Matching funds for State, Federal, or other third-party grants.
    - iii. Engaging in sustainable agriculture education initiatives
2. The Parties will retain their respective organizational authority to select contractors and grantees according to their own policies and procedures, including those related to due diligence procedures and the Conflict-of-Interest Policy, while assuring such contractor and grantee’s qualifications and performance are appropriate to achieve the Purpose and they act in compliance with all applicable legal requirements. As such, if any contractor or grantee identified in a proposal is not selected or retained, another contractor or grantee or employees of either or both Parties who have appropriate qualifications may be selected by Parties to complete the work.
3. MRGCD Conservation Advisory Committee. The CSWCD will retain a minimum of one seat on the MRGCD’s Conservation Advisory Committee during the Term of the Agreement (as defined below).
4. Term. The term of this MOU is five consecutive fiscal years beginning on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, and continuing through June 30, 2031 (the “Term”).
5. Warranties and Representations of the Parties. Under this MOU, funds provided by the Parties through future specific project agreements shall be used exclusively for the Purpose.
6. Annual and Final Reports. Within sixty (60) days following the end of each fiscal year and the expiration of the Term, the Parties shall submit a joint annual report and a final report to their respective Board of Directors. The final report will include a description of all work funded under the MOU performed each year during the Term.

7. Amendments. This MOU may be amended from time to time upon the written agreement of the Parties.
8. Books and Records. The Parties shall maintain records in accordance with General Accepted Accounting Practices and as required to maintain records for Internal Revenue Code purposes. The reports submitted to the respective Board of Directors shall be kept for at least six (6) years after completion of the use of all funds. The Parties will permit their respective duly authorized representative to inspect records reflecting all work done, labor performed and material furnished in connection with the activities funded under the MOU.
9. Publicity. Any publicity related to the work funded by this MOU shall be approved by both Parties prior to disseminating.
10. Remedies. The Parties agree that either party may withhold funds or terminate any commitment under future specific project agreements if said party fails to comply with the MOU. Either party may terminate the MOU in the event it reasonably determines that the work undertaken, or the MOU will violate its policies or standard operating procedures or result in adverse publicity.
11. Choice of Law. The law of the State of New Mexico exclusively shall govern and apply to any and all legal proceedings pertaining to the MOU, including the New Mexico Tort Claims Act. The MOU shall be deemed to be entered into and formed in New Mexico and shall become effective when MRGCD executes this instrument, bearing its Chief Engineer/Chief Executive Officer's signature. By execution of this MOU, the Parties submit to the jurisdiction and venue of the courts of New Mexico.
12. Termination for Lack of Appropriations. Notwithstanding any other provision in the MOU, its continuation beyond the end of the fiscal year is contingent on each Parties' governing board making the appropriations necessary to fund the MOU which each Parties' governing board may make or not in its sole and absolute discretion. If one or both governing boards does not make appropriations for a fiscal year, this MOU may be terminated at the end of the then current fiscal year upon written notice given by either of the Parties. Such termination shall not constitute a default. All payment obligations in the MOU will cease upon the date of termination. A decision whether or not to terminate by one Party will be accepted by the other Party and shall be final.
13. Entire Agreement. This MOU sets forth the entire understanding of the Parties concerning the Purpose and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous communications and negotiations, both oral and written, relating to the MOU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this MOU to be made as of the Effective Date.

**Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Jason M. Casuga, P.E.  
Chief Engineer/Chief Executive Officer

**Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_ 04/28/2026

Steven Glass, Chair, Board of Supervisors

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

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4 Adoption of Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (07-01-25 to 06-30-26)  
5 Grant Fund

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7 No. BA-05-11-26-114

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

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

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

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18 WHEREAS, the original budget requires an amendment to update appropriations for  
19 revenues and expenditures in the Grant Fund; and

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

| Fund | Project | Project Name                    | Budget Amount |
|------|---------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 8    | M3736   | WTB-Corrales Siphon             |               |
|      |         | Reduce Grant Match              |               |
|      |         | Reduce Grant Match Revenue      | 200,000.00    |
|      |         | Reduce Grant Match Expenditures | 200,000.00    |
| 8    | G3761   | San Francisco Outfall           |               |
|      |         | Add Grant Revenue               | 27,000.00     |
|      |         | Add Grant Expenditures          | 27,000.00     |

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

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34 RESOLVED: in session this 11th day of May 2026.

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36 MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
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John P. Kelly, Chairman

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Colin T. Baugh, Vice Chairman

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Stephanie Russo Baca, Director

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Brian Jiron, Director

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Karen Dunning, Director

ATTEST:

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Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM  
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

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1                   **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE**  
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**No. BA-05-11-26-115**

**WHEREAS**, staff of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, State of New Mexico ("MRGCD"), has developed a budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (FY27); and

**WHEREAS**, the Fiscal Year 2027 budget was developed based on identified needs following consultation with all departments, department supervisors, relevant federal, state, and local agencies, and the Board of Directors and its Finance Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, MRGCD ad valorem taxes may be increased no more frequently than once every five years pursuant Section 73-18-7.1 NMSA 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, the property tax mill rate will remain unchanged for Fiscal Year 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 73-18-1(C) NMSA 1978, the District may adjust the Water Service Charge based on a parity index or other appropriate inflation index, and the Water Service Charge was increased from \$59.25 to \$61.03 per acre by Resolution No. M-01-12-26-233, adopted January 12, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Operating Fund is balanced with revenues slightly exceeding expenditures ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Long-Term Assets Fund includes budgeted revenues from interest on investments and expenditures for the Albuquerque levee rehabilitation project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Debt Service Fund includes budgeted revenues from interest on investments and transfers from the Capital Investment Fund equal to debt service payments for principal and interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grant Fund includes budgeted grant revenue, loan proceeds, and grant match equal to grant expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Capital Investment Fund is a life-to-date fund, with budgeted revenues consisting of available fund balance and Fiscal Year 2027 revenues, and expenditures including project costs, transfers to the Debt Service Fund for principal and interest payments, and transfers to the Grant Fund for required grant matches; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors, as the governing body of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD), hereby adopts the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the total assessed property tax mill rates are hereby set at 6.0693 mills for residential properties and 7.3334 mills for non-residential properties, of which 5.0693 mills for residential and 6.3334 mills for non-residential are dedicated to the General Operating Fund, and 1.0000 mill for both residential and non-residential properties is

52 dedicated to the Capital Investment Fund; and

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54 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Water Service Charge rate of \$61.03 per acre,  
55 previously established by the Board, is incorporated into the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget; and

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57 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer/Secretary-Treasurer is  
58 hereby directed to submit the adopted Fiscal Year 2027 Budget to the New Mexico Department  
59 of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division, for review and approval in  
60 accordance with state requirements.

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63 **RESOLVED:** in session this 11th day of May 2026.

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**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

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CFO/Secretary-Treasurer

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# Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2027



## Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

May 11, 2026





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# Board of Directors

| <u>Name</u>                | <u>Position No.</u> | <u>County</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| John P. Kelly, Chair       | 2                   | Bernalillo    |
| Colin T. Baugh, Vice Chair | 4                   | Bernalillo    |
| Stephanie Russo Baca       | 1                   | At Large      |
| Karen Dunning              | 3                   | Bernalillo    |
| Brian Jiron                | 5                   | Valencia      |
| J. Chris Lopez             | 6                   | Socorro       |
| Michael T. Sandoval        | 7                   | Sandoval      |

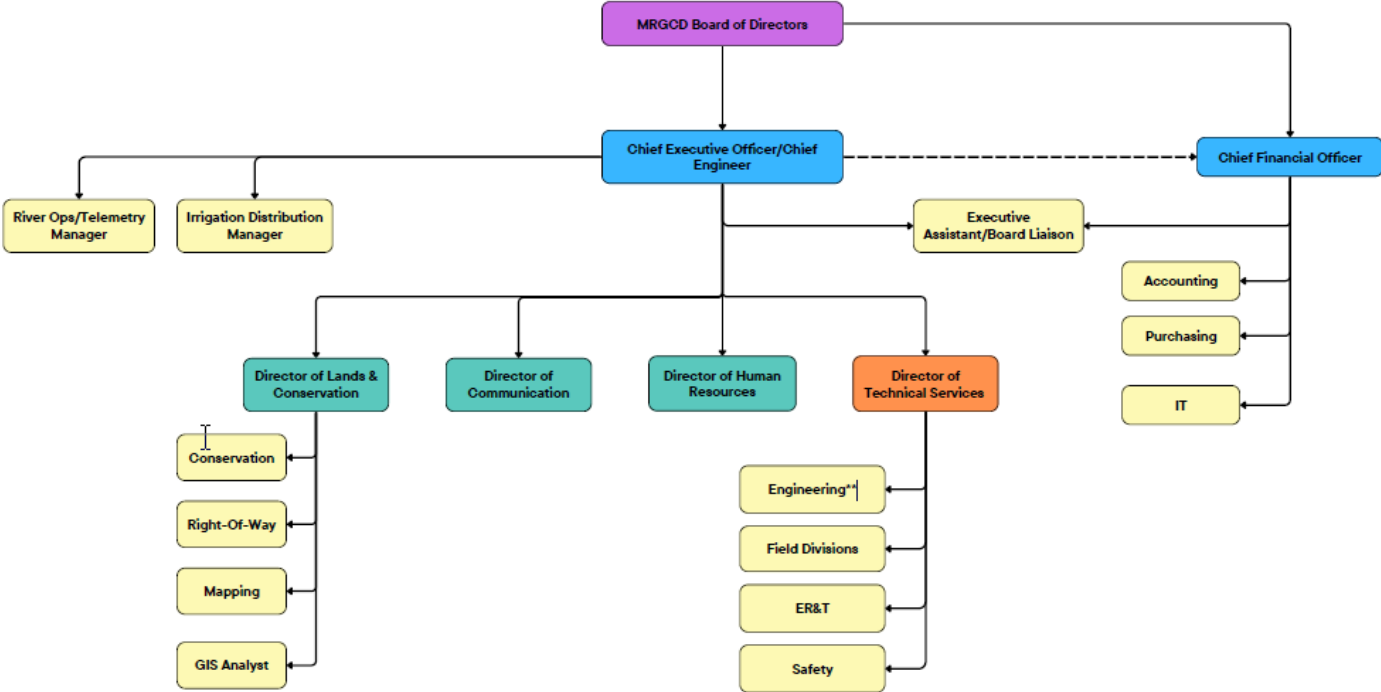
# District Leadership

| <u>Name</u>                                   | <u>Title</u>                     |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Jason M. Casuga                               | CEO/Chief Engineer               |
| Pamela Fanelli                                | CFO/Secretary/Treasurer          |
| Eric Zamora                                   | Director of Technical Services   |
| Christine Nardi                               | Director of Human Resources      |
| Casey Ish                                     | Director of Lands & Conservation |
| Amanda Molina                                 | Director of Communications       |
| Wiggins, Williams & Wesenberg – Lorna Wiggins | General Counsel                  |
| Spencer Fane – Jeff Wechsler                  | Chief Water Counsel              |

# Finance and Budget

| <u>Name</u>    | <u>Title</u>            |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Pamela Fanelli | CFO/Secretary/Treasurer |
| Raquel Dawson  | Budget Analyst          |

# Organization Chart



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# Budget Message from the CEO



Dear Board of Directors,

I am pleased to present the Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 for your review and approval. Fiscal Year 2027 begins July 1, 2026, and ends June 30, 2027. This budget is structurally balanced and reflects the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District's continued commitment to fiscal responsibility, transparency, and long-term sustainability.

The FY2027 budget has been developed in alignment with the District's mission to provide reliable and equitable water delivery, protect Middle Valley communities, steward the environment, and responsibly manage public resources. This document is designed to clearly communicate the District's financial plan, policy direction, and operational priorities, while linking resource allocation to strategic goals and measurable outcomes.

## Major Budget Priorities and Issues

A primary focus of the FY2027 budget is addressing the District's aging infrastructure, much of which is nearing or exceeding 100 years in age. Current assessments identify over \$900 million in infrastructure needs. The District continues to prioritize investments that maintain system reliability, reduce operational risk, and support long-term financial stability.

Two major capital projects are planned for FY2027: the Corrales Siphon Replacement Project and the Feeder 3 Pump Station. These projects are critical to improving service reliability for more than 6,000 acres of farmland and strengthening the District's ability to deliver water efficiently and consistently. Temporary pumping operations will continue for Corrales irrigators until the siphon replacement is completed, which is anticipated by the end of calendar year 2026. Funding has been allocated to commence design and construction management for the Albuquerque levee to bring the levee into current design standards.

The FY2027 budget reflects a strategic approach to capital financing by leveraging external funding sources. The District plans to utilize \$4.9 million from the Capital Investment Fund to meet required match obligations and secure approximately \$11.0 million in grant revenue. This approach maximizes available resources while minimizing the financial burden on ratepayers. In addition, the District will continue to implement bosque restoration projects funded through grants. These projects are designed to reduce wildfire risk while enhancing habitat for native species, demonstrating the District's commitment to environmental stewardship and multi-benefit resource management.

## Economic, Environmental, and Operational Factors

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The FY2027 budget is developed within the context of significant environmental and operational challenges. Low snowpack conditions, driven by unseasonably warm temperatures across the basin, have reduced spring runoff and limited water availability. As a result, the District is operating as a run-of-the-river system, relying on in-season precipitation to meet irrigation demand.

Ongoing constraints associated with the rehabilitation of El Vado Dam and obligations under the Rio Grande Compact have further limited the District's ability to store water for late season use. These factors continue to create uncertainty and require careful management of available resources. The District remains committed to providing equitable water deliveries and optimizing system operations under these conditions.

### **Financial Policies and Workforce Investment**

The FY2027 budget is guided by established financial policies that support structural balance, prudent use of reserves, and long-term capital planning. Strategic use of the Capital Investment Fund ensures that the District can meet matching requirements for grant-funded projects while maintaining financial flexibility. The budget also reflects continued investment in the District's workforce. Adjustments to wages are included to maintain competitiveness in the regional labor market, support employee retention, and ensure continuity of operations. The budget further incorporates anticipated increases in health insurance costs, while maintaining a commitment to providing comprehensive employee benefits.

Funding for environmental review and compliance activities has also been increased to support responsible project implementation and adherence to regulatory requirements.


### **Goals, Performance Measures, and Long-Term Planning**

This budget document includes department-level missions, goals, and performance measures that support the District's strategic priorities. These measures focus on improving operational efficiency, reducing Rio Grande Compact debt, and advancing the repair and replacement of aging infrastructure. The District continues to address long-term challenges, including aging infrastructure, a changing regulatory environment, and the impacts of climate change on water supply. In response, the FY2027 budget emphasizes investments in irrigation efficiency, water conservation, and system improvements that enhance reliability and reduce long-term costs.

### **Conclusion**

The proposed FY2027 budget is a balanced, forward-looking financial plan that aligns resources with the District's strategic goals and community responsibilities. No changes were made between the original and final approved budget. As CEO, I remain committed to maintaining financial responsibility while delivering essential services to the community.

Sincerely,



Jason M. Casuga, P.E.  
CEO/Chief Engineer

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# Executive Summary

## Mission Statement

The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD or the District) operates, maintains, and manages irrigation, drainage, and river flood control in the Middle Rio Grande Valley, promotes efficient and responsible water management, protects the environment, wildlife and endangered species in cooperation with other local, state, and federal agencies, and provides multi-use recreational opportunities within the Middle Rio Grande Valley.

## Strategic Goals

Constituent Prosperity

Employee Satisfaction

Environmental Sustainability

Capital Improvement and Infrastructure

The District is committed to our community, employees, environmental sustainability, and capital improvements. The budget was prepared following the major goals established for the District by the Board of Directors, the CEO, and the CFO.

These goals are outlined below:

### Constituent Prosperity

1. Improving MRGCD Water Conveyance System for Efficient Operations and Drought Resiliency Meeting the Middle Valley's Compact Commitments
2. Water Operations Improvement Planning, Implementation, and Transparency
3. Protecting the District's and its Constituents' Water Rights
4. Improving Constituent Services

### Employee Satisfaction

1. Improving Employee Services and Morale/Performance & Constituent Services
2. Staff and Union Contract Resources Management

### Environmental Sustainability

1. Continue to uphold the District's Commitments to the 2016 Biological Opinion in Partnership with the Bureau of Reclamation and the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission while pursuing a new Habitat Conservation plan.
2. Manage the Bosque

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## Capital Improvement and Infrastructure

1. Legislative Agenda
2. Seeking State and Federal grants for Infrastructure Projects
3. Major Projects (not an exhaustive list)
  - a. Corrales Siphon Project
  - b. Feeder 3 Pump Station Design
  - c. Bosque Fire Mitigation
  - d. Low-Flow Conveyance Channel – Operations and Maintenance
  - e. Water Conservation and Farm Efficiency Projects
  - f. Environmental Projects
  - g. Bernalillo to Belen Levee Project – Mountain View Phase 1
  - h. El Vado Dam Safety Improvement Project

The priorities for achieving these goals are discussed in more detail in the CEO’s message. The District’s mission and goals have been incorporated into the FY2027 budget and the five-year forecast.



*Photo: Angostura - Mitch Georgina (MRGCD)*

# Long-Range Financial Plans

The District’s five-year financial forecast is its primary long-range planning tool, projecting revenues and expenditures for the current fiscal year and the following four years. The forecast identifies financial trends and attempts to address any challenges. Long-term capital plans include a project list totaling \$900 million, with a five-year capital plan that addresses the most critical needs. This plan is incorporated into the financial forecast to align funding capacity with project delivery. The forecast also includes a five-year projection for the Grant Fund to support planning for grant-funded projects.

## General Fund

| <b>Fiscal Year</b> | <b>Revenues</b> | <b>Expenditures</b> | <b>Projected Surplus</b> |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| FY2026 Budget      | 34,273,960      | 34,273,960          | -                        |
| FY2027 Proposed    | 33,326,389      | 33,326,143          | 246                      |
| FY2028 Projected   | 33,689,488      | 33,675,716          | 13,772                   |
| FY2029 Projected   | 34,705,164      | 34,591,681          | 113,483                  |
| FY2030 Projected   | 35,614,118      | 35,611,483          | 2,635                    |

Ad valorem taxes, water services charges, and federal contract revenues are projected to increase in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The District implemented a revised licensing fee structure in FY2026, resulting in increased licensing fee revenues. Salaries and benefits are also projected to increase by the CPI Index.

## Grant Fund

| <b>Fiscal Year</b> | <b>Revenues</b> | <b>Expenditures</b> | <b>Projected Surplus</b> |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| FY2026 Budget      | 29,225,295      | 29,225,295          | -                        |
| FY2027 Proposed    | 16,299,438      | 16,299,438          | -                        |
| FY2028 Projected   | 11,515,933      | 11,515,933          | -                        |
| FY2029 Projected   | 9,440,000       | 9,440,000           | -                        |
| FY2030 Projected   | 11,515,000      | 11,515,000          | -                        |

The grant forecast includes both current and anticipated awards. Major projects include the Corrales Siphon, Feeder 3 Pump Station, and Bosque Restoration initiatives. Required grant match funding is also included and is provided by the Capital Investment Fund.

## Capital Investment Fund

| Fiscal Year      | Revenues   | Expenditures | Projected Surplus |
|------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|
| FY2026 Budget    | 4,397,500  | 6,518,442    | (2,120,942)       |
| FY2027 Proposed  | 4,745,000  | 7,109,415    | (2,364,415)       |
| FY2028 Projected | 6,666,382  | 6,619,641    | 46,741            |
| FY2029 Projected | 10,306,224 | 10,213,166   | 93,058            |
| FY2030 Projected | 6,450,261  | 7,029,477    | (579,216)         |

The Capital Investment Fund is projected to use available fund balance, ad valorem revenues, and loan proceeds to fund debt service obligations, grant match requirements, and capital equipment purchases. The Capital Investment Fund considers the District’s long-term capital needs totaling \$900 million.



*Belen Highline - Mitch Georgina (MRGCD)*

*Belen Highline Overflow - Mitch Georgina (MRGCD)*



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# Budget Process & Timeline

The District follows an annual budget development process designed to ensure responsible financial planning, transparency, and appropriate oversight by management and the Board of Directors. The process incorporates departmental input, financial analysis, policy review, and formal Board approval. Through this structured approach, the District aligns financial resources with organizational priorities while maintaining fiscal responsibility and accountability to the public.

Key steps in the budget development process are outlined below.

## **1. Budget Initiation and Planning**

The budget development process begins with an internal kickoff meeting to establish organizational priorities, timelines, and responsibilities for the upcoming fiscal year. Finance staff provide departments with budget guidelines, assumptions, and instructions to support consistent and effective budget preparation across the organization.

## **2. Department Budget Requests**

Departments prepare and submit budget requests outlining anticipated operational, programmatic, and staffing needs for the upcoming fiscal year. These requests are developed based on operational priorities, anticipated service demands, and planned initiatives. Finance staff compile and review departmental submissions to ensure completeness and alignment with organizational objectives.

## **3. Revenue Analysis and Draft Budget Development**

Finance staff analyze historical revenue trends, current financial conditions, and economic indicators to develop revenue projections for the upcoming fiscal year. These projections provide the foundation for estimating available financial resources. Using departmental requests and projected revenues, Finance staff prepare a balanced draft budget that aligns anticipated expenditures with available funding.

## **4. Board Member Requests and Finance Committee Review**

Finance staff solicits input from board members and compiles their budget requests. The draft budget is then presented to the Finance Committee for review. The committee evaluates the proposed budget, provides feedback, and recommends revisions as appropriate. Composed of Board of Directors members elected by constituents, the Finance Committee provides guidance and financial oversight to help ensure the budget reflects community priorities and responsible fiscal management.

## **5. Board Review and Approval**

Following revisions, the proposed budget is presented to the Board of Directors for review and formal adoption during a public meeting. Once approved, the adopted budget becomes the District's official financial plan for the fiscal year and is entered into the financial management system for implementation at the start of the new fiscal year. After adoption, the budget may only be modified

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through a budget resolution approved by the Board of Directors. Budget amendments may be considered by the Board throughout the fiscal year as necessary to address operational needs or changing financial conditions.

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### **Public Participation in the Budget Process**

The proposed budget is reviewed and adopted by the Board of Directors during publicly noticed meetings in accordance with open meeting requirements. The public is encouraged to attend and may provide comments during designated public comment periods. The adopted budget is made available on the District’s website, providing transparency, accountability and public access to the District’s financial plans.

The following timeline outlines the key milestones and activities that occur throughout the annual budget cycle:

| <b>Month</b>                                                         | <b>Key Activities</b>                                                                                                                                                                               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>January – Internal Kickoff</b>                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Launch the budget planning process</li><li>• Align on goals, timeline, and responsibilities</li></ul>                                                       |
| <b>February – Department Requests Due</b>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Departments submit budget needs</li><li>• Begin initial compilation and review</li></ul>                                                                    |
| <b>March – Revenue Forecasting</b>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Analyze revenue trends</li><li>• Estimate available funding</li></ul>                                                                                       |
| <b>April – Board Input<br/>Draft Review by<br/>Finance Committee</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board meeting with general discussion and input</li><li>• First full review of proposed budget</li><li>• Provide feedback and recommend revisions</li></ul> |
| <b>May – Board Presentation</b>                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Present final draft to the Board of Directors</li><li>• Board reviews and adopts the budget during a public meeting</li></ul>                               |
| <b>June – System Upload</b>                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enter approved budget into the financial system</li><li>• Verify data accuracy and readiness</li></ul>                                                      |
| <b>July – Budget Implementation Begins</b>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New fiscal year begins</li><li>• Allocate funds and begin spending</li></ul>                                                                                |

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# Budget Overview

The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District utilizes a zero-based budgeting approach, taking a detailed and comprehensive method to develop revenue and expenditure estimates. Expenditures are managed within available revenues and reserves, ensuring a structurally balanced budget each year and maintaining appropriate fund balance levels.

The budget is prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting.

## Major Funds

MRGCD's major funds include:

- **General Fund** – The primary operating fund, consisting of four divisions: Cochiti, Albuquerque, Belen, and Socorro, along with the General Office, which supports districtwide operations.
- **Long-Term Asset (Levee) Fund** – A special revenue fund used to account for resources designated for future levee projects.
- **Debt Service Fund** – Established in fiscal year 2024, this fund accounts for the payment of principal and interest on outstanding debt.
- **Grants Fund** – Established in fiscal year 2024, this special revenue fund accounts for grant revenues and expenditures, including required matching funds.
- **Capital Investment Fund** – A project fund established in fiscal year 2024 to account for revenues generated from the dedicated one-mill ad valorem increase for capital investment.

Budgets are adopted for all governmental funds, including the General Fund, special revenue funds, debt service fund, and project funds. Budgetary control is maintained through a formal appropriation and encumbrance system at the fund level. The Board of Directors may approve additional appropriations through legally adopted resolutions. Budget data is prepared consistently with the District's basis of accounting.

## Budget Development and Revenue Assumptions

The fiscal year 2027 budget was developed considering projected changes in both revenues and expenditures. Primary revenue sources include ad valorem assessments, water service charges, and maintenance contracts with governmental entities. In fiscal year 2022, an investment program was implemented to enhance earnings and supplement General Fund resources.

For fiscal year 2027, the mill rate remains unchanged at 6.0693 for residential properties and 7.3334 for non-residential properties. Of this, 5.0693 mills (residential) and 6.3334 mills (non-residential) are allocated to the General Fund, while one mill is dedicated to the Capital Investment Fund.

The Board of Directors approved an increase in water service charges of \$1.78 per acre, from \$59.25 to \$61.03, for fiscal year 2027.

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Ad valorem revenues represent a significant portion of funding for both the General Fund and Capital Investment Fund. Revenue projections assume approximately 3% growth in residential and non-residential property valuations compared to fiscal year 2026 estimated actuals.

### **Expenditures and Financial Overview**

Salaries and benefits are projected to increase in fiscal year 2027 due to contractual obligations, continued investment in workforce stability, and a 7.5% increase in healthcare premiums. Employees will continue to absorb a portion of these cost increases.

The District continues to prioritize investments in infrastructure and operational efficiency. Budgeted grant-funded projects will replace aging infrastructure, improve water delivery, and reduce overall water usage.

The General Fund is structurally balanced, with revenues, expenditures, and transfers resulting in a nominal surplus of \$246. Total expenditures, including transfers, are budgeted at \$33,326,143, representing a decrease of \$576,817 (1.7%) from the fiscal year 2026 original budget.

Key expenditure changes include:

- Salaries and benefits increasing by \$1,030,060 (5.69%)
- Conservation program expenditures increased by \$750,000
- Increased contractual costs related to San Juan-Chama and El Vado Dam operations
- Capital expenditures are budgeted at \$383,056, a significant decrease from \$5,742,574 in fiscal year 2026 because of the FY2026 equipment loan of \$4,000,000.

District-wide revenues, excluding transfers, total \$49,566,926, while expenditures total \$52,329,295. The difference reflects the planned use of fund balance within the Capital Investment Fund.

### **Transfers and Debt**

Transfers are used to support specific functions:

- Transfers to the Grants Fund provide required matching funds
- Transfers to the Debt Service Fund support debt repayment

Total transfers-in equal transfers-out at \$6,481,265.

### **Grants and Capital Investment**

External funding continues to be a priority. Total budgeted grant revenue is \$11,029,764, with additional loan proceeds of \$363,573 and matching funds of \$4,906,101 from the Capital Investment Fund.

Total Grants Fund expenditures are budgeted at \$16,299,438 and are fully supported by revenues and transfers, resulting in a balanced fund.

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Major grant-funded projects include:

- Corrales Siphon Replacement Project – \$4,246,975
- Feeder 3 Pump Project – \$4,508,363
- Conservation Projects – \$4,600,000

The Capital Investment Fund is a life-to-date fund and is projected to carry forward a fund balance of \$2,364,797 from fiscal year 2026 to support fiscal year 2027 expenditures.



*Isleta - Mitch Georgina (MRGCD)*

### **Economic Considerations**

Every effort has been made to develop a comprehensive and responsible fiscal year 2027 budget. However, ongoing economic uncertainties may require adjustments during the fiscal year. Potential impacts include increased costs for parts, repairs, capital equipment, and infrastructure. The District will continue to monitor economic conditions and reallocate resources as necessary to maintain operational effectiveness and fiscal responsibility.

# Financial Consolidations

## Resources

A summary of the budgeted resources by fund is shown in the table below:

| <b>FY2027<br/>Resources</b> | <b>General Fund</b>  | <b>Long-Term<br/>Assets Fund</b> | <b>Debt<br/>Service<br/>Fund</b> | <b>Grant Fund</b>    | <b>Capital<br/>Investment<br/>Fund</b> | <b>Total</b>         |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Revenue                     | \$ 33,276,389        | \$ 25,000                        | \$ 77,200                        | \$ 11,029,764        | \$ 4,745,000                           | \$ 49,153,353        |
| Other Financing Sources     |                      |                                  |                                  |                      |                                        |                      |
| Equipment Proceeds          | 50,000               | -                                | -                                | -                    | -                                      | 50,000               |
| Loan Proceeds               | -                    | -                                | -                                | 363,573              | -                                      | 363,573              |
| <b>Total Resources</b>      | <b>\$ 33,326,389</b> | <b>\$ 25,000</b>                 | <b>\$ 77,200</b>                 | <b>\$ 11,393,337</b> | <b>\$ 4,745,000</b>                    | <b>\$ 49,566,926</b> |

## Expenditures

A summary of the budgeted expenditures by fund is shown in the table below:

| <b>FY2027<br/>Expenditures</b> | <b>General Fund</b>  | <b>Long-Term<br/>Assets Fund</b> | <b>Debt<br/>Service<br/>Fund</b> | <b>Grant Fund</b>    | <b>Capital<br/>Investment<br/>Fund</b> | <b>Total</b>         |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Expenditures                   | 33,326,143           | 500,400                          | 1,575,164                        | 16,299,438           | 628,150                                | 52,329,295           |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>      | <b>\$ 33,326,143</b> | <b>\$ 500,400</b>                | <b>\$ 1,575,164</b>              | <b>\$ 16,299,438</b> | <b>\$ 628,150</b>                      | <b>\$ 52,329,295</b> |

## Transfers

A summary of the budgeted transfers by fund is shown in the table below:

| <b>FY2027<br/>Transfers</b> | <b>General Fund</b> | <b>Long-Term<br/>Assets Fund</b> | <b>Debt<br/>Service<br/>Fund</b> | <b>Grant Fund</b>   | <b>Capital<br/>Investment<br/>Fund</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Transfers In                | -                   | -                                | 1,575,164                        | 4,906,101           | -                                      | 6,481,265    |
| Transfers Out               | -                   | -                                | -                                | -                   | (6,481,265)                            | (6,481,265)  |
| <b>Total Appropriations</b> | <b>\$ -</b>         | <b>\$ -</b>                      | <b>\$ 1,575,164</b>              | <b>\$ 4,906,101</b> | <b>\$ (6,481,265)</b>                  | <b>\$ -</b>  |

## Budgeted Resources, Expenditures, and Fund Balance

A summary of the budgeted resources, expenditures and fund balance is shown in the table below:

|                                         | <b>General Fund</b>  | <b>Long-Term<br/>Assets Fund</b> | <b>Debt Service<br/>Fund</b> | <b>Grant Fund</b> | <b>Capital<br/>Investment<br/>Fund</b> | <b>Total</b>         |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| FY2025 Fund Balance                     | \$ 28,192,846        | \$ 1,210,446                     | \$ -                         | \$ 910,142        | \$ 3,060,263                           | \$ 33,373,697        |
| FY2026 Budgeted Incre/Decr Fund Balance | -                    | 50,400                           | -                            | 22,000            | (2,120,942)                            | (2,048,542)          |
| FY2026 Estimated Actual Fund Balance    | 28,269,155           | 949,713                          | -                            | 470,778           | 2,364,797                              | 32,054,443           |
| <b>FY2027</b>                           |                      |                                  |                              |                   |                                        |                      |
| Resources                               | 33,326,389           | 25,000                           | 11,393,337                   | 77,200            | 4,745,000                              | 49,566,926           |
| Expenditures                            | 33,326,143           | 500,400                          | 16,299,438                   | 1,575,164         | 628,150                                | 52,329,295           |
| Transfers                               | -                    | -                                | 4,906,101                    | 1,575,164         | (6,481,265)                            | -                    |
| Total FY2027                            | 246                  | (475,400)                        | -                            | 77,200            | (2,364,415)                            | (2,762,369)          |
| <b>Projected Ending Fund Balance</b>    | <b>\$ 28,269,401</b> | <b>\$ 474,313</b>                | <b>\$ -</b>                  | <b>\$ 547,978</b> | <b>\$ 382</b>                          | <b>\$ 29,292,074</b> |

# General Fund

## 3-Year Consolidated Fund Financial Schedule

|                                     | FY2024 Actual        | FY2025 Actual        | FY2026 CY Budget     | FY2026 Est Actual    | FY2027 Proposed Budget |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance              | \$ 27,104,752        | \$ 26,001,604        | \$ 28,192,846        | \$ 28,192,846        | \$ 28,269,155          |
| Revenue                             | 28,030,195           | 30,153,194           | 30,223,960           | 32,834,576           | 33,276,389             |
| Other Financing Sources             | 173,490              | 437,839              | 4,050,000            | 4,050,000            | 50,000                 |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>28,203,685</b>    | <b>30,591,033</b>    | <b>34,273,960</b>    | <b>36,884,576</b>    | <b>33,326,389</b>      |
| Expenditures                        | 26,474,241           | 28,399,791           | 33,902,960           | 36,693,267           | 33,326,143             |
| Other Financing Uses                | 2,832,592            | -                    | 371,000              | 115,000              | -                      |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>29,306,833</b>    | <b>28,399,791</b>    | <b>34,273,960</b>    | <b>36,808,267</b>    | <b>33,326,143</b>      |
| Increase (decrease) in Fund Balance | (1,103,148)          | 2,191,242            | -                    | 76,309               | 246                    |
| Ending Fund Balance                 | <b>\$ 26,001,604</b> | <b>\$ 28,192,846</b> | <b>\$ 28,192,846</b> | <b>\$ 28,269,155</b> | <b>\$ 28,269,401</b>   |



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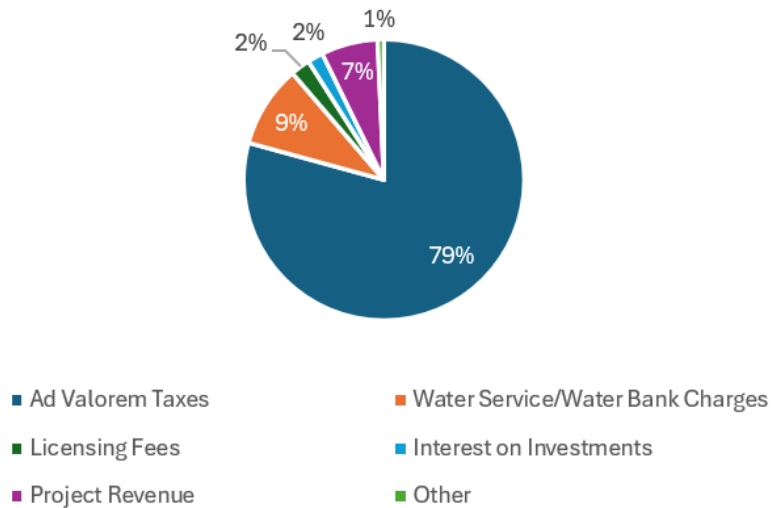
## FY2027 Budget

|                                                      | FY2026 Original<br>Budget | FY2027 Budget        | Incr (Decr)         |               | Recurring            | Non<br>Recurring  |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|                                                      |                           |                      | FY27 over<br>FY26   | %<br>Change   |                      |                   |
| Ad Valorem Taxes                                     | \$ 24,014,820             | \$ 26,190,000        | \$ 2,175,180        | 9.06%         | \$ 26,190,000        |                   |
| Ad Valorem Interest                                  | 220,000                   | 220,000              | -                   | 0.00%         | 220,000              |                   |
| Water Service Charges                                | 3,150,885                 | 3,129,750            | (21,135)            | -0.67%        | 3,129,750            |                   |
| Water Bank Fees                                      | 23,000                    | 23,000               | -                   | 0.00%         | 23,000               |                   |
| Licensing Fees                                       | 63,505                    | 750,000              | 686,495             | 1081.01%      | 750,000              |                   |
| Interest on Investments                              | 600,000                   | 600,000              | -                   | 0.00%         | 600,000              |                   |
| Project Contract Revenue - Federal                   | 1,673,750                 | 1,790,000            | 116,250             | 6.95%         | 1,790,000            |                   |
| Project Contract Revenue - Local                     | 365,000                   | 383,000              | 18,000              | 4.93%         | 383,000              |                   |
| Other                                                | 113,000                   | 190,639              | 77,639              | 68.71%        | 190,639              |                   |
| Equipment Proceeds - Loans                           | 4000000                   | -                    | (4,000,000)         | -100.00%      |                      |                   |
| Equipment Disposition Proceeds                       | 50,000                    | 50,000               | -                   | 0.00%         | 50,000               |                   |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                                | <b>34,273,960</b>         | <b>33,326,389</b>    | <b>(947,571)</b>    | <b>-2.76%</b> | <b>33,326,389</b>    | <b>-</b>          |
| Salaries                                             | 12,940,188                | 13,749,465           | 809,277             | 6.25%         | 13,749,465           |                   |
| Employee Benefits                                    | 5,143,033                 | 5,363,816            | 220,783             | 4.29%         | 5,363,816            |                   |
| Employee & Board Related Costs                       | 808,168                   | 526,789              | (281,379)           | -34.82%       | 526,789              |                   |
| General & Administrative Expenses                    | 399,794                   | 556,220              | 156,426             | 39.13%        | 556,220              |                   |
| Professional Services                                | 594,485                   | 1,128,979            | 534,494             | 89.91%        | 1,128,979            |                   |
| Insurance & Legal Services                           | 1,503,405                 | 1,655,246            | 151,841             | 10.10%        | 1,655,246            |                   |
| Technology & Communication                           | 773,611                   | 809,805              | 36,194              | 4.68%         | 809,805              |                   |
| Ad Valorem Collection Fee                            | 511,545                   | 571,600              | 60,055              | 11.74%        | 571,600              |                   |
| Utilities                                            | 160,200                   | 208,800              | 48,600              | 30.34%        | 208,800              |                   |
| Facility Maintenance                                 | 90,000                    | 119,000              | 29,000              | 32.22%        | 119,000              |                   |
| Division Maintenance, Const, Rehab                   | 1,532,750                 | 1,611,850            | 79,100              | 5.16%         | 1,611,850            |                   |
| Vehicle & Equipment O&M                              | 2,162,650                 | 2,598,560            | 435,910             | 20.16%        | 2,598,560            |                   |
| Conservation Program                                 | 150,000                   | 900,000              | 750,000             | 500.00%       | 900,000              |                   |
| Safety Program                                       | 48,190                    | 50,630               | 2,440               | 5.06%         | 50,630               |                   |
| Federal O&M Services                                 | 1,826,304                 | 1,954,950            | 128,646             | 7.04%         | 1,954,950            |                   |
| Agreements & Community Outreach                      | 448,755                   | 422,377              | (26,378)            | -5.88%        | 422,377              |                   |
| Watershed Management                                 | 100,000                   | 100,000              | -                   | 0.00%         | 100,000              |                   |
| Projects                                             | 331,000                   | 490,000              | 159,000             | 48.04%        |                      | 490,000           |
| Endangered Species Act Projects                      | 150,000                   | 125,000              | (25,000)            | -16.67%       | 125,000              |                   |
| Capital Expenditures                                 | 4,228,882                 | 383,056              | (3,845,826)         | -90.94%       |                      | 383,056           |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>                            | <b>33,902,960</b>         | <b>33,326,143</b>    | <b>(576,817)</b>    | <b>-1.70%</b> | <b>32,453,087</b>    | <b>873,056</b>    |
| Transfers Out - Debt Service                         | 371,000                   | -                    | (371,000)           | -100.00%      |                      | -                 |
| <b>Total Expenditures &amp; Transfers Out</b>        | <b>\$ 34,273,960</b>      | <b>\$ 33,326,143</b> | <b>\$ (947,817)</b> | <b>-2.77%</b> | <b>\$ 32,453,087</b> | <b>\$ 873,056</b> |
| Excess (deficiency) of Revenues less<br>Expenditures | -                         | 246                  |                     |               |                      |                   |
| <b>Surplus/Deficit</b>                               | <b>\$ -</b>               | <b>\$ 246</b>        |                     |               |                      |                   |

## Revenue

The total resources budgeted for the General Fund are \$33,326,389. The primary revenue sources consist of ad valorem taxes and water service charges. The following graph illustrates the composition of the total General Fund revenues.

FY27 Revenue Sources General Fund



Ad valorem taxes comprise approximately 80% of total budgeted revenues. Water service charges increased from \$59.25 to \$61.03 in FY2027. Licensing fees have risen following a restructuring of the fee schedule. For FY2027, the District has again budgeted \$600,000 in investment income, with a portion of interest earnings being reinvested.

Ad valorem revenues are calculated based on a mill levy applied to assessed property values. For fiscal year 2027, the mill rate remains unchanged at 6.0693 for residential properties and 7.3334 for non-residential properties. Of this amount, 5.0693 mills (residential) and 6.3334 mills (non-residential) are dedicated to the General Operating Fund, while 1 mill for both property types is dedicated to the Capital Investment Fund.

The county assessor determines the market value of all properties within District boundaries. This value is converted to a net taxable value by applying the statutory assessment ratio (one-third of market value) and subtracting applicable exemptions. The resulting net taxable value is then multiplied by the mill levy per \$1,000 of assessed value to determine the ad valorem tax.

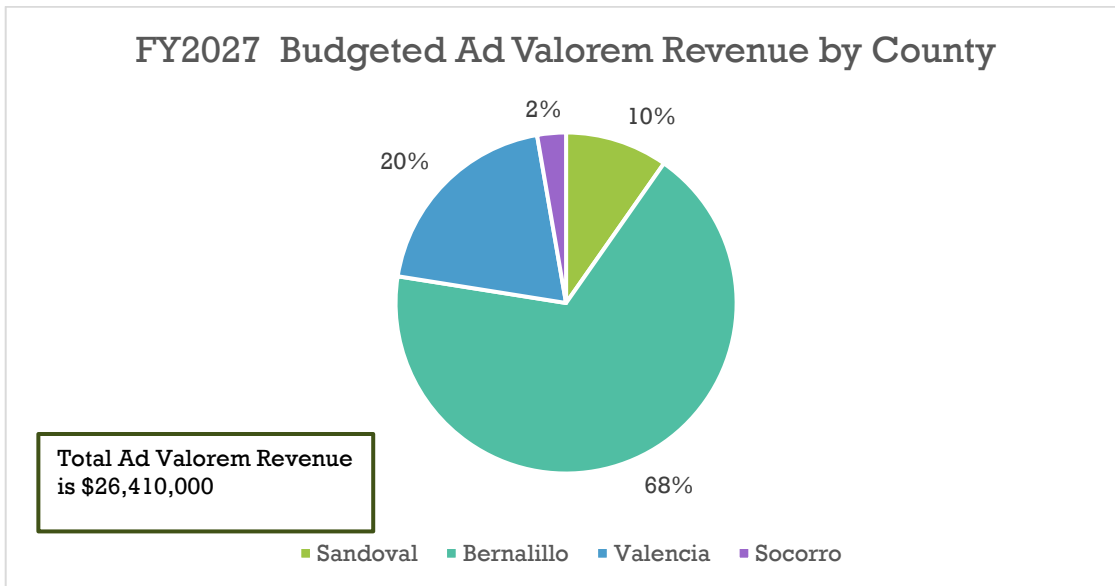
## Revenue Detail

| Description                                  | FY26 Original Budget | FY27 Budget          | Incr (Decr) FY27 Over FY26 | % Change        | Recurring            | Non-recurring |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Sandoval Co ADV Collections                  | \$ 2,411,280         | \$ 2,570,000         | \$ 158,720                 | 6.58%           | \$ 2,570,000         | -             |
| Bernalillo Co ADV Collections                | 16,338,510           | 17,900,000           | 1,561,490                  | 9.56%           | 17,900,000           | -             |
| Valencia Co ADV Collections                  | 4,809,780            | 5,220,000            | 410,220                    | 8.53%           | 5,220,000            | -             |
| Socorro Co ADV Collections                   | 675,250              | 720,000              | 44,750                     | 6.63%           | 720,000              | -             |
| <b>Total Ad Valorem Revenue</b>              | <b>24,234,820</b>    | <b>26,410,000</b>    | <b>2,175,180</b>           | <b>8.98%</b>    | <b>26,410,000</b>    | -             |
| Sandoval Co WSC Collections                  | 182,536              | 192,250              | 9,714                      | 5.32%           | 192,250              | -             |
| Bernalillo Co WSC Collections                | 449,580              | 512,000              | 62,420                     | 13.88%          | 512,000              | -             |
| Valencia Co WSC Collections                  | 1,382,985            | 1,388,000            | 5,015                      | 0.36%           | 1,388,000            | -             |
| Socorro Co WSC Collections                   | 1,122,262            | 1,024,000            | (98,262)                   | -8.76%          | 1,024,000            | -             |
| WSC Unassigned                               | 13,522               | 13,500               | (22)                       | -0.16%          | 13,500               | -             |
| <b>Total Water Service Charges</b>           | <b>3,150,885</b>     | <b>3,129,750</b>     | <b>(21,135)</b>            | <b>-0.67%</b>   | <b>3,129,750</b>     | -             |
| Water Bank Admin Fees                        | 3,000                | 3,000                | -                          | 0.00%           | 3,000                | -             |
| Water Bank Lease Fees                        | 10,000               | 10,000               | -                          | 0.00%           | 10,000               | -             |
| Water Bank WSC Fee                           | 10,000               | 10,000               | -                          | 0.00%           | 10,000               | -             |
| <b>Total Water Bank Fees</b>                 | <b>23,000</b>        | <b>23,000</b>        | <b>-</b>                   | <b>0.00%</b>    | <b>23,000</b>        | -             |
| Application License Fees                     | 30,000               | 50,000               | 20,000                     | 66.67%          | 50,000               | -             |
| License - Bosque Access Fee                  | 27,505               | 30,000               | 2,495                      | 9.07%           | 30,000               | -             |
| Construction Special Use License             | 6,000                | -                    | (6,000)                    | -100.00%        | -                    | -             |
| Utility License                              | -                    | 665,000              | 665,000                    | Add             | 665,000              | -             |
| Gate Access/Installations                    | -                    | 5,000                | 5,000                      | Add             | 5,000                | -             |
| <b>Total License Revenue</b>                 | <b>63,505</b>        | <b>750,000</b>       | <b>686,495</b>             | <b>1081.01%</b> | <b>750,000</b>       | -             |
| O&M Contract - BIA Pueblos                   | 1,673,750            | 1,790,000            | 116,250                    | 6.95%           | 1,790,000            | -             |
| O&M Contract - Alameda Drain                 | 305,000              | 320,000              | 15,000                     | 4.92%           | 320,000              | -             |
| Contract Revenue - Los Alamos                | 50,000               | 50,000               | -                          | 0.00%           | 50,000               | -             |
| Contract - La Joya Acequia                   | 10,000               | 13,000               | 3,000                      | 30.00%          | 13,000               | -             |
| <b>Total Contract Revenue</b>                | <b>2,038,750</b>     | <b>2,173,000</b>     | <b>134,250</b>             | <b>6.58%</b>    | <b>2,173,000</b>     | -             |
| Miscellaneous Revenue                        | 50,000               | 127,639              | 77,639                     | 155.28%         | 127,639              | -             |
| Turnout Installations                        | 30,000               | 30,000               | -                          | 0.00%           | 30,000               | -             |
| Recycled Metal Sales                         | 5,000                | 5,000                | -                          | 0.00%           | 5,000                | -             |
| Insurance Claim Recovery                     | 15,000               | 15,000               | -                          | 0.00%           | 15,000               | -             |
| Real Property Sales                          | 10,000               | 10,000               | -                          | Add             | 10,000               | -             |
| Fuel Rebates                                 | 3,000                | 3,000                | -                          | 0.00%           | 3,000                | -             |
| <b>Total Miscellaneous Revenue</b>           | <b>113,000</b>       | <b>190,639</b>       | <b>77,639</b>              | <b>68.71%</b>   | <b>190,639</b>       | -             |
| Interest On Investments                      | 600,000              | 600,000              | -                          | 0.00%           | 600,000              | -             |
| <b>Total Interest Revenue</b>                | <b>600,000</b>       | <b>600,000</b>       | <b>-</b>                   | <b>0.00%</b>    | <b>600,000</b>       | -             |
| Loan Proceeds                                | 4,000,000            | -                    | (4,000,000)                | Add             | -                    | -             |
| Equipment Disposition Proceeds               | 50,000               | -                    | (50,000)                   | -100.00%        | -                    | -             |
| <b>Total Equipment Disposition Proceeds</b>  | <b>4,050,000</b>     | <b>-</b>             | <b>(4,050,000)</b>         | <b>-100.00%</b> | <b>-</b>             | <b>-</b>      |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                        | <b>34,273,960</b>    | <b>33,276,389</b>    | <b>(997,571)</b>           | <b>-2.91%</b>   | <b>33,276,389</b>    | <b>-</b>      |
| Transfers in - Indirect Overhead Grants Fund | -                    | 0                    | 0                          | 0.00%           | -                    | -             |
| Transfers in - Grants Fund                   | -                    | 0                    | 0                          | 0.00%           | -                    | -             |
| <b>Total Transfers In</b>                    | <b>-</b>             | <b>0</b>             | <b>0</b>                   | <b>0.00%</b>    | <b>-</b>             | <b>-</b>      |
| <b>Total Revenues &amp; Transfers In</b>     | <b>\$ 34,273,960</b> | <b>\$ 33,276,389</b> | <b>\$ (997,571)</b>        | <b>-2.91%</b>   | <b>\$ 33,276,389</b> | <b>\$ -</b>   |

## Ad Valorem Revenue by County

| Description                   | Sandoval            | Bernalillo           | Valencia            | Socorro           | Total                |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Ad Valorem - Principal        | \$ 2,570,000        | \$ 17,750,000        | \$ 5,175,000        | \$ 695,000        | \$ 26,190,000        |
| Ad Valorem - Interest         | -                   | 150,000              | 45,000              | 25,000            | 220,000              |
| <b>Ad Valorem Revenue</b>     | <b>2,570,000</b>    | <b>17,900,000</b>    | <b>5,220,000</b>    | <b>720,000</b>    | <b>26,410,000</b>    |
| Ad Valorem - Collection Fees  | (51,400)            | (358,000)            | (155,250)           | (6,950)           | (571,600)            |
| <b>Net Ad Valorem Revenue</b> | <b>\$ 2,518,600</b> | <b>\$ 17,542,000</b> | <b>\$ 5,064,750</b> | <b>\$ 713,050</b> | <b>\$ 25,838,400</b> |

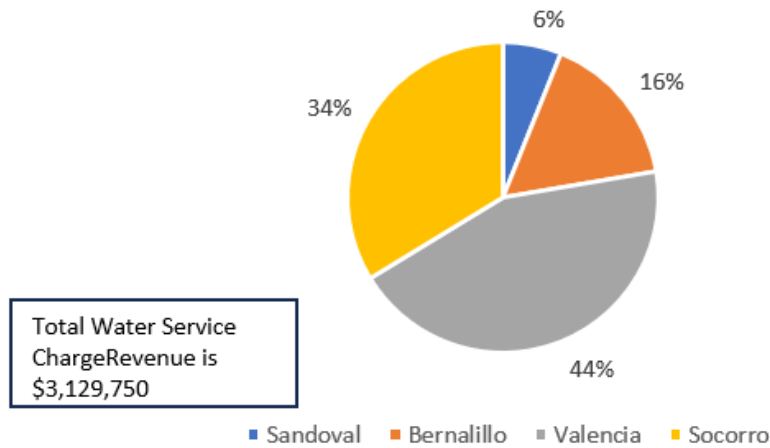
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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Total Budgeted Revenue  | <u>33,276,389</u> |
| % of Ad Valorem Revenue | 79.4%             |



## Water Service Charge Revenue by County

| Description                        | FY26 Budget         | FY27 Budget         | Incr (Decr)<br>FY27 Over |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
|                                    |                     |                     | FY26                     | % Change      |
| Sandoval Co WSC Collections        | \$ 182,536          | \$ 192,250          | \$ 9,714                 | 5.32%         |
| Bernalillo Co WSC Collections      | 449,580             | 512,000             | 62,420                   | 13.88%        |
| Valencia Co WSC Collections        | 1,382,985           | 1,388,000           | 5,015                    | 0.36%         |
| Socorro Co WSC Collections         | 1,122,262           | 1,024,000           | (98,262)                 | -8.76%        |
| WSC Unassigned                     | 13,522              | 13,500              | (22)                     | -0.16%        |
| <b>Total Water Service Charges</b> | <b>\$ 3,150,885</b> | <b>\$ 3,129,750</b> | <b>\$ (21,135)</b>       | <b>-0.67%</b> |

FY2027 Budgeted Water Service Charges by County



Water service charges are assessed on properties within District boundaries based on irrigability. The number of water service charge acres was adjusted for accuracy in FY2027.

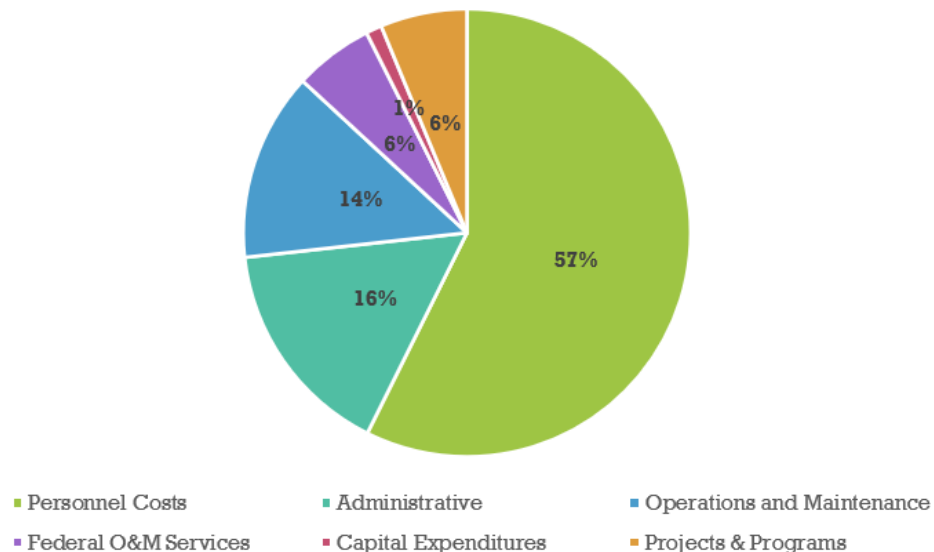
## Expenditures

Budgeted expenditures, excluding other financing sources for the General Fund, total \$33,326,143. The details of the major categories are highlighted below.

Salaries and benefits total \$19,113,281. Budgeted expenditures decreased \$576,817 (1.7%) from the FY2026 original budget. Salaries and benefits are projected to increase in FY2027, reflecting contractual obligations, continued investment in workforce stability, and higher healthcare insurance premiums. Two new positions are being added to address increased workload and service needs in critical areas. A decrease in vacancy savings is projected for fiscal year 2027, driven by a targeted focus on retaining existing staff.

Professional services have been increased to include design for future infrastructure projects. Insurance and legal fees are consistent with last year's expenditures, with estimated minimal increases. Conservation program expenditures have been increased by \$750,000 to account for conservation initiatives. Federal operations and maintenance have been increased based on notifications from the Bureau of Reclamation. Equipment purchases are budgeted at \$383,056 compared to \$5,742,574 in fiscal year 2026.

FY2027 Summarized Budgeted Expenditures by Category



## Expenditures Detail

| Description                               | FY26 Original Budget | FY27 Budget       | Increase (Decrease)<br>FY27 over FY26 | % Change      | Recurring         | Non-recurring |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Executive Team                            | \$ 646,900           | \$ 640,878        | \$ (6,022)                            | -0.93%        | \$ 640,878.00     | \$ -          |
| Administration                            | 120,171              | 126,000           | 5,829                                 | 4.85%         | 126,000           |               |
| Safety Department                         | 99,984               | 103,615           | 3,631                                 | 3.63%         | 103,615           |               |
| Cochiti Division                          | 721,103              | 708,730           | (12,373)                              | -1.72%        | 708,730           |               |
| Albuquerque Division                      | 2,368,553            | 2,451,559         | 83,006                                | 3.50%         | 2,451,559         |               |
| Belen Division                            | 2,072,871            | 2,263,902         | 191,031                               | 9.22%         | 2,263,902         |               |
| Socorro Division                          | 1,020,190            | 1,128,225         | 108,035                               | 10.59%        | 1,128,225         |               |
| Licensing & Land Sales                    | 247,992              | 207,669           | (40,323)                              | -16.26%       | 207,669           |               |
| ER & T Division                           | 700,360              | 721,727           | 21,367                                | 3.05%         | 721,727           |               |
| Data Integration                          | 129,948              | 0                 | (129,948)                             | -100.00%      |                   |               |
| Finance                                   | 588,878              | 694,707           | 105,829                               | 17.97%        | 694,707           |               |
| Purchasing                                | 194,311              | 204,026           | 9,715                                 | 5.00%         | 204,026           |               |
| Conservation Program                      | 282,025              | 331,859           | 49,834                                | 17.67%        | 331,859           |               |
| Mapping/GIS                               | 302,757              | 389,277           | 86,520                                | 28.58%        | 389,277           |               |
| Engineering                               | 251,348              | 268,878           | 17,530                                | 6.97%         | 268,878           |               |
| Water Distribution                        | 2,369,007            | 2,527,159         | 158,152                               | 6.68%         | 2,527,159         |               |
| Human Resources                           | 400,850              | 418,178           | 17,328                                | 4.32%         | 418,178           |               |
| Water Operations                          | 271,720              | 294,025           | 22,305                                | 8.21%         | 294,025           |               |
| Information Technology                    | 151,220              | 269,051           | 117,831                               | 77.92%        | 269,051           |               |
| <b>Wages - Regular</b>                    | <b>12,940,188</b>    | <b>13,749,465</b> | <b>809,277</b>                        | <b>6.3%</b>   | <b>13,749,465</b> | <b>0</b>      |
| Pera Contribution                         | 2,786,400            | 2,978,136         | 191,736                               | 6.88%         | 2,978,136         |               |
| Medicare Contribution                     | 186,532              | 199,369           | 12,837                                | 6.88%         | 199,369           |               |
| Worker's Compensation Claims              | 17,000               | 20,000            | 3,000                                 | 17.65%        | 20,000            |               |
| Worker's Compensation Fees                | 1,941                | 2,224             | 283                                   | 14.58%        | 2,224             |               |
| Health, Dental & Vision                   | 2,059,875            | 2,080,170         | 20,295                                | 0.99%         | 2,080,170         |               |
| Life & Disability Insurance               | 91,285               | 83,917            | (7,368)                               | -8.07%        | 83,917            |               |
| <b>Benefits</b>                           | <b>5,143,033</b>     | <b>5,363,816</b>  | <b>220,783</b>                        | <b>4.3%</b>   | <b>5,363,816</b>  | <b>0</b>      |
| Wages - Stipend                           | 25,000               | 30,000            | 5,000                                 | 20.00%        | 30,000            |               |
| Medicare Contribution                     | 1,850                | 2,100             | 250                                   | 13.51%        | 2,100             |               |
| State Unemployment                        | 30,000               | 30,000            | 0                                     | 0.00%         | 30,000            |               |
| Health, Dental, Vision                    | 45,900               | 47,000            | 1,100                                 | 2.40%         | 47,000            |               |
| Elections                                 | 275,000              | 0                 | (275,000)                             | -100.00%      |                   |               |
| Admin Expense - Misc.                     | 10,000               | 28,000            | 18,000                                | 180.00%       | 28,000            |               |
| Retiree Health Ins Premiums               | 126,330              | 138,833           | 12,503                                | 9.90%         | 138,833           |               |
| Travel                                    | 63,984               | 63,630            | (354)                                 | -0.55%        | 63,630            |               |
| Training/Education                        | 133,044              | 95,622            | (37,422)                              | -28.13%       | 95,622            |               |
| Physicals                                 | 16,000               | 15,700            | (300)                                 | -1.88%        | 15,700            |               |
| Uniforms/Boots                            | 73,700               | 75,904            | 2,204                                 | 2.99%         | 75,904            |               |
| Job Retraining                            | 4,000                | 0                 | (4,000)                               | -100.00%      |                   |               |
| <b>Employee &amp; Board Related Costs</b> | <b>804,808</b>       | <b>526,789</b>    | <b>(278,019)</b>                      | <b>-34.5%</b> | <b>526,789</b>    | <b>0</b>      |
| Surveys/Appraisals                        | 0                    | 100,000           | 100,000                               | Add           | 100,000           |               |
| Legal Notices                             | 21,500               | 10,000            | (11,500)                              | -53.49%       | 10,000            |               |
| Printing                                  | 24,200               | 44,025            | 19,825                                | 81.92%        | 44,025            |               |
| Admin Expense - Misc.                     | 51,900               | 35,600            | (16,300)                              | -31.41%       | 35,600            |               |
| Office Supplies                           | 18,200               | 24,650            | 6,450                                 | 35.44%        | 24,650            |               |
| Postage                                   | 15,815               | 22,535            | 6,720                                 | 42.49%        | 22,535            |               |
| Freight                                   | 300                  | 900               | 600                                   | 200.00%       | 900               |               |
| Janitorial Supplies                       | 15,700               | 15,700            | 0                                     | 0.00%         | 15,700            |               |
| Hydrology/Water Ops Supplies              | 75,711               | 66,465            | (9,246)                               | -12.21%       | 66,465            |               |
| Memberships & Dues                        | 46,984               | 70,311            | 23,327                                | 49.65%        | 70,311            |               |
| Subscriptions                             | 20,656               | 19,777            | (879)                                 | -4.26%        | 19,777            |               |
| Office Equipment Maintenance              | 2,700                | 13,150            | 10,450                                | 387.04%       | 13,150            |               |
| Damage Claims                             | 50,000               | 50,000            | 0                                     | 0.00%         | 50,000            |               |
| Misc. Fee                                 | 700                  | 1,200             | 500                                   | 71.43%        | 1,200             |               |
| Bank Charges                              | 23,100               | 35,000            | 11,900                                | 51.52%        | 35,000            |               |
| Investment Fees                           | 22,000               | 22,000            | 0                                     | 0.00%         | 22,000            |               |
| Interest Expense                          | 632                  | 2,277             | 1,645                                 | 260.28%       | 2,277             |               |
| Copier Lease                              | 5,696                | 5,696             | 0                                     | 0.00%         | 5,696             |               |
| Non Capital Asset Under \$5,000           | 4,000                | 16,934            | 12,934                                | 323.35%       | 16,934            |               |
| <b>General &amp; Administrative</b>       | <b>\$ 399,794</b>    | <b>\$ 556,220</b> | <b>\$ 156,426</b>                     | <b>39.1%</b>  | <b>\$ 556,220</b> | <b>\$ -</b>   |

| Description                               | FY26 Original Budget | FY27 Budget         | Increase (Decrease) FY27 over FY26 | % Change     | Recurring           | Non-recurring    |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Professional Services                     | \$ 322,570           | \$ 565,945          | \$ 243,375                         | 75.45%       | \$ 565,945          | \$ -             |
| Professional Service - Engineer           | 200,000              | 450,000             | 250,000                            | 125.00%      | 200,000             | 300,000          |
| Auditing Services                         | 50,115               | 53,934              | 3,819                              | 7.62%        | 53,934              |                  |
| Security Services                         | 21,800               | 59,100              | 37,300                             | 171.10%      | 40,000              | 19,100           |
| <b>Professional Services</b>              | <b>594,485</b>       | <b>1,128,979</b>    | <b>534,494</b>                     | <b>89.9%</b> | <b>859,879</b>      | <b>319,100</b>   |
| Worker's Compensation Ins                 | 150,000              | 175,000             | 25,000                             | 16.67%       | 175,000             |                  |
| Legal Services                            | 515,000              | 490,000             | (25,000)                           | -4.85%       | 490,000             |                  |
| General Insurance                         | 838,405              | 990,246             | 151,841                            | 18.11%       | 990,246             |                  |
| <b>Insurance &amp; Legal Services</b>     | <b>1,503,405</b>     | <b>1,655,246</b>    | <b>151,841</b>                     | <b>10.1%</b> | <b>1,655,246</b>    | <b>-</b>         |
| Professional Services - IT                | 30,000               | 30,000              | 0                                  | 0.00%        |                     | 30,000           |
| Software Subscription/License             | 500,103              | 553,519             | 53,416                             | 10.68%       | 553,519             |                  |
| VOIP/Internet                             | 91,120               | 75,546              | (15,574)                           | -17.09%      | 75,546              |                  |
| Wireless Service                          | 94,560               | 86,240              | (8,320)                            | -8.80%       | 86,240              |                  |
| Computer/Printer Supplies                 | 15,380               | 16,000              | 620                                | 4.03%        | 16,000              |                  |
| Computer Equipment Maintenance            | 25,708               | 28,500              | 2,792                              | 10.86%       | 28,500              |                  |
| Non Capital Asset Under \$5,000           | 20,100               | 20,000              | (100)                              | -0.50%       | 20,000              |                  |
| <b>Technology &amp; Communication</b>     | <b>776,971</b>       | <b>809,805</b>      | <b>32,834</b>                      | <b>4.2%</b>  | <b>779,805</b>      | <b>30,000</b>    |
| Ad Valorem Collection Fee                 | 511,545              | 571,600             | 60,055                             | 11.74%       | 571,600             |                  |
| <b>Ad Valorem Collection Fee</b>          | <b>511,545</b>       | <b>571,600</b>      | <b>60,055</b>                      | <b>11.7%</b> | <b>571,600</b>      | <b>-</b>         |
| Electricity                               | 63,500               | 64,000              | 500                                | 0.79%        | 64,000              |                  |
| Natural Gas                               | 18,600               | 16,100              | (2,500)                            | -13.44%      | 16,100              |                  |
| Water/Sewer/Refuse                        | 38,100               | 48,700              | 10,600                             | 27.82%       | 48,700              |                  |
| Pump Electricity                          | 40,000               | 80,000              | 40,000                             | 100.00%      | 80,000              |                  |
| <b>Utilities</b>                          | <b>160,200</b>       | <b>208,800</b>      | <b>48,600</b>                      | <b>30.3%</b> | <b>208,800</b>      | <b>-</b>         |
| Buildings Grounds Maintenance             | 90,000               | 119,000             | 29,000                             | 32.22%       | 119,000             |                  |
| <b>Facility Maintenance</b>               | <b>90,000</b>        | <b>119,000</b>      | <b>29,000</b>                      | <b>32.2%</b> | <b>119,000</b>      | <b>-</b>         |
| Materials Testing                         | 8,000                | 8,000               | 0                                  | 0.00%        | 8,000               |                  |
| Landfill                                  | 65,000               | 70,000              | 5,000                              | 7.69%        | 70,000              |                  |
| Freight                                   | 15,000               | 16,000              | 1,000                              | 6.67%        | 16,000              |                  |
| Shop/Weld Tools                           | 14,250               | 22,250              | 8,000                              | 56.14%       | 22,250              |                  |
| Construction Supplies                     | 74,200               | 95,200              | 21,000                             | 28.30%       | 95,200              |                  |
| Lumber                                    | 32,000               | 32,000              | 0                                  | 0.00%        | 32,000              |                  |
| Steel                                     | 51,100               | 62,000              | 10,900                             | 21.33%       | 62,000              |                  |
| Concrete/Shotcrete                        | 100,000              | 120,000             | 20,000                             | 20.00%       | 120,000             |                  |
| Pipe                                      | 195,000              | 230,000             | 35,000                             | 17.95%       | 230,000             |                  |
| Turnouts                                  | 210,000              | 120,000             | (90,000)                           | -42.86%      | 120,000             |                  |
| Vegetation Control                        | 177,000              | 219,000             | 42,000                             | 23.73%       | 219,000             |                  |
| Rock/Gravel/Base Material                 | 50,000               | 56,000              | 6,000                              | 12.00%       | 56,000              |                  |
| Bosque Supplies                           | 1,500                | 3,500               | 2,000                              | 133.33%      | 3,500               |                  |
| Bosque Signage                            | 50,000.00            | 35,000              | (15,000)                           | -30.00%      |                     | 35,000           |
| Inventory Adjustments                     | 5,000                | 5,000               | 0                                  | 0.00%        | 5,000               |                  |
| Gates & Fencing                           | 17,500               | 16,500              | (1,000)                            | -5.71%       | 16,500              |                  |
| Rodent Management                         | 17,000               | 16,000              | (1,000)                            | -5.88%       | 16,000              |                  |
| Hydrology Equipment Maintenance           | 3,000                | 11,000              | 8,000                              | 266.67%      | 11,000              |                  |
| Field Maintenance                         | 352,500              | 362,500             | 10,000                             | 2.84%        | 362,500             |                  |
| Equipment Rental                          | 50,000               | 50,000              | 0                                  | 0.00%        | 50,000              |                  |
| Non Capital Asset Under \$5,000           | 44,700               | 61,900              | 17,200                             | 38.48%       | 61,900              |                  |
| <b>Division Maintenance, Const, Rehab</b> | <b>\$ 1,532,750</b>  | <b>\$ 1,611,850</b> | <b>\$ 79,100</b>                   | <b>5.2%</b>  | <b>\$ 1,576,850</b> | <b>\$ 35,000</b> |

| Description                                  | FY26 Original Budget | FY27 Budget          | Increase (Decrease) FY27 over FY26 | % Change      | Recurring            | Non-recurring       |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Freight                                      | \$ 1,500             | \$ 1,500             | \$ -                               | 0.00%         | \$ 1,500             | \$ -                |
| Shop/Weld Supplies                           | 23,750               | 23,750               | 0                                  | 0.00%         | 23,750               |                     |
| Restocking Fee                               | 600                  | 650                  | 50                                 | 8.33%         | 650                  |                     |
| Tire Replacement/Repairs                     | 138,000              | 150,000              | 12,000                             | 8.70%         | 150,000              |                     |
| Batteries                                    | 14,000               | 14,000               | 0                                  | 0.00%         | 14,000               |                     |
| Fluids/Filters                               | 155,000              | 175,000              | 20,000                             | 12.90%        | 175,000              |                     |
| Parts & Repairs                              | 650,500              | 900,000              | 249,500                            | 38.36%        | 900,000              |                     |
| Fleet Maintenance                            | 64,800               | 64,320               | (480)                              | -0.74%        | 64,320               |                     |
| Gasoline @ 3.60/gal                          | 313,500              | 354,240              | 40,740                             | 13.00%        | 354,240              |                     |
| Diesel @ 4.40/gal                            | 800,000              | 914,100              | 114,100                            | 14.26%        | 914,100              |                     |
| Fuel Admin Fee                               | 1,000                | 1,000                | 0                                  | 0.00%         | 1,000                |                     |
| <b>Vehicle &amp; Equipment O&amp;M</b>       | <b>2,162,650</b>     | <b>2,598,560</b>     | <b>435,910</b>                     | <b>20.2%</b>  | <b>2,598,560</b>     | <b>-</b>            |
| Professional Services - Conservation Program | 150,000              | 900,000              | 750,000                            | 500.00%       | 300,000              | 600,000             |
| <b>Conservation Program</b>                  | <b>150,000</b>       | <b>900,000</b>       | <b>750,000</b>                     | <b>500.0%</b> | <b>300,000</b>       | <b>600,000</b>      |
| Safety Supplies                              | 39,390               | 42,690               | 3,300                              | 8.38%         | 42,690               |                     |
| Safety Programs                              | 7,000                | 7,140                | 140                                | 2.00%         | 7,140                |                     |
| Uniforms/Boots                               | 1,300                | 300                  | (1,000)                            | -76.92%       | 300                  |                     |
| Printing                                     | 500                  | 500                  | 0                                  | 0.00%         | 500                  |                     |
| <b>Safety Program</b>                        | <b>48,190</b>        | <b>50,630</b>        | <b>2,440</b>                       | <b>5.1%</b>   | <b>50,630</b>        | <b>-</b>            |
| O&M Reserved Works - El Vado                 | 663,248              | 697,791              | 34,543                             | 5.21%         | 697,791              |                     |
| O&M Reserved - Juan Chama                    | 1,163,056            | 1,257,159            | 94,103                             | 8.09%         | 1,257,159            |                     |
| <b>Federal O&amp;M Services</b>              | <b>1,826,304</b>     | <b>1,954,950</b>     | <b>128,646</b>                     | <b>7.0%</b>   | <b>1,954,950</b>     | <b>-</b>            |
| Ditch Safety Programs                        | 15,000               | 15,000               | -                                  | 0.00%         | 15,000               |                     |
| MOA - Governmental Agreements - BOR          | 40,000               | 25,000               | (15,000)                           | -37.50%       | 25,000               |                     |
| MOA - Governmental Agreements                | 238,880              | 202,502              | (36,378)                           | -15.23%       | 202,502              |                     |
| Community Outreach                           | 14,875               | 39,875               | 25,000                             | 168.07%       | 39,875               |                     |
| Association Agreements                       | 140,000              | 140,000              | 0                                  | 0.00%         | 140,000              |                     |
| <b>Governmental Agmts/Community</b>          | <b>448,755</b>       | <b>422,377</b>       | <b>(26,378)</b>                    | <b>-5.9%</b>  | <b>422,377</b>       | <b>-</b>            |
| Association Agreements                       | 100,000              | 100,000              | 0                                  | 0.00%         | 100,000              |                     |
| <b>Watershed Management</b>                  | <b>100,000</b>       | <b>100,000</b>       | <b>0</b>                           | <b>0.00%</b>  | <b>100,000</b>       | <b>-</b>            |
| New Belen Wasteway                           | 0                    | 200,000              | 200,000                            | Add           | -                    | 200,000             |
| Corrales Siphon Pumping                      | 81,000               | 22,000               | (59,000)                           | -72.84%       | -                    | 22,000              |
| Corrales Siphon Rental                       | 250,000              | 268,000              | 18,000                             | 7.20%         | -                    | 268,000             |
| <b>Projects</b>                              | <b>331,000</b>       | <b>490,000</b>       | <b>159,000</b>                     | <b>48.0%</b>  | <b>-</b>             | <b>490,000</b>      |
| Endangered Species Act                       | 150,000              | 125,000              | (25,000)                           | -16.67%       | 125,000              |                     |
| <b>Endangered Species Act Projects</b>       | <b>150,000</b>       | <b>125,000</b>       | <b>(25,000)</b>                    | <b>-16.7%</b> | <b>125,000</b>       | <b>-</b>            |
| Capital Land Grounds Yards                   | 5,000                | 45,000               | 40,000                             | 800.00%       |                      | 45,000              |
| Capital Bldg & Structures                    | 116,000              | 25,000               | (91,000)                           | -78.45%       |                      | 25,000              |
| Capital Office Equipment                     | 10,700               | 5,556                | (5,144)                            | -48.07%       |                      | 5,556               |
| Capital Computer Software                    | 81,182               | 22,000               | (59,182)                           | -72.90%       |                      | 22,000              |
| Capital Engineer/Radio Equipment             | 16,000               | 20,000               | 4,000                              | 25.00%        |                      | 20,000              |
| Capital Shop-Weld Equipment                  | 0                    | 17,500               | 17,500                             | Add           |                      | 17,500              |
| Capital Heavy Field Equipment                | 4,000,000            | 0                    | (4,000,000)                        | -100.00%      |                      | -                   |
| Capital Infrastructure CIP                   | 0                    | 248,000              | 248,000                            | Add           |                      | 248,000             |
| <b>Capital Outlay</b>                        | <b>4,228,882</b>     | <b>383,056</b>       | <b>(3,845,826)</b>                 | <b>-90.9%</b> | <b>-</b>             | <b>383,056</b>      |
| <b>Total Transfers Out</b>                   | <b>371,000</b>       | <b>0</b>             | <b>0</b>                           | <b>0.00%</b>  | <b>-</b>             | <b>-</b>            |
| <b>Total General Fund Expenditures &amp;</b> | <b>\$ 34,273,960</b> | <b>\$ 33,326,143</b> | <b>\$ (576,817)</b>                | <b>-1.68%</b> | <b>\$ 31,518,987</b> | <b>\$ 1,857,156</b> |

## FY 2027 Salaries and Benefits

Salaries and benefits are projected to increase by \$1,030,060 (5.69%) in FY27, reflecting contractual obligations and ongoing investment in workforce stability. The increase is primarily driven by negotiated union agreements affecting approximately 80% of the workforce. Additionally, healthcare insurance premiums will increase 7.5%.

A decrease in vacancy savings is projected for fiscal year 2027, driven by a targeted focus on retaining existing staff. Ongoing retention initiatives are expected to promote workforce stability and reduce the frequency and duration of vacancies.

## Position Summary FY2025-FY2027

| Department                        | FY25       | FY26       | FY27       |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Albuquerque Division              | 52         | 52         | 52         |
| Belen Division                    | 46         | 46         | 46         |
| Cochiti Division                  | 14         | 14         | 14         |
| Communications                    | 1          | 1          | 1          |
| Data Integration                  | 1          | 1          | 0          |
| Engineering                       | 3          | 3          | 3          |
| Equipment Repair & Transportation | 11         | 11         | 11         |
| Executive Team                    | 3          | 3          | 3          |
| Finance                           | 9          | 9          | 9          |
| Human Resources                   | 5          | 5          | 5          |
| Information Technology            | 2          | 2          | 3          |
| Lands & Conservation              | 4          | 3          | 4          |
| Licensing / Right of Way          | 4          | 3          | 3          |
| Mapping / GIS                     | 5          | 5          | 5          |
| Purchasing                        | 3          | 3          | 3          |
| Safety                            | 1          | 1          | 1          |
| Socorro Division                  | 20         | 20         | 21         |
| Irrigation Distribution           | 42         | 42         | 42         |
| River Operations/Telemetry        | 4          | 4          | 4          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>230</b> | <b>228</b> | <b>230</b> |

## Key Changes:

For the upcoming fiscal year, the organization is proposing several adjustments to its FTE count to better align staffing resources with service demands and organizational priorities.

Two new positions are being added to address increased workload and service needs in critical areas.

One position will support the Information Technology (IT) Department in managing growing technology systems and user demands. The second position will support the Lands & Conservation

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Department (previously identified as Conservation & Planning) in response to expanded bosque management efforts, including increased maintenance, restoration, and ongoing stewardship needs.

In addition, the Engineering and GIS/Mapping functions have been formally separated into distinct departments to improve operational focus and efficiency. The department previously titled Administrative has been renamed Communications to more accurately reflect the scope and nature of the work performed.

The overall FTE impact is partially offset by the decision not to refill the Data Integration position following a recent retirement, with the associated FTE reallocated to better support priority service areas. Additionally, a Finance position that was vacated in the prior fiscal year was filled following further evaluation of operational needs, ensuring continued support for core financial functions.

## Departmental Services, Goals, and Performance Measures

The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District is committed to delivering reliable water service, maintaining critical infrastructure, and responsibly managing natural resources for the communities it serves. District departments work collaboratively to support operational efficiency, regulatory compliance, sustainable resource management, and the safety and well-being of employees and the public.

### River Operations & Telemetry

The River Operations & Telemetry Department supports reliable, equitable water delivery through real-time monitoring, system coordination, and proactive river operations management. By maintaining accurate hydrologic data systems and field monitoring infrastructure, the department strengthens operational decision-making, supports public transparency, and promotes responsible water resource stewardship across the District.

#### Strategic Goals

- **Hydrologic Data Systems & Accessibility:** Maintain and enhance data systems that support real-time monitoring, operational decision-making, and public transparency through reliable and accessible hydrologic information.
- **Monitoring Infrastructure & Equipment Reliability:** Ensure field equipment, telemetry systems, and monitoring infrastructure remain functional, accurate, and reliable to support continuous data collection and system operations.

- **Data Expansion & System Integration:** Expand hydrologic data coverage and integrate multiple data sources into unified platforms to improve operational awareness and long-term planning capabilities.
- **Workforce Development, Safety & Retention:** Support a skilled and safe workforce through professional training, safety compliance, and continued investment in staff development and retention.

Key Performance Measures

| Key Performance Indicator            | Target                    |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| New Measurement Structures Installed | Minimum of 4              |
| Rubicon Data Integration             | 100% integration          |
| Automatic Gate Replacement           | 2 critical gates          |
| Infrastructure Planning              | Prioritized by season end |
| Safety Training Participation        | At least 75%              |
| Professional Training Participation  | Minimum of 2 staff        |

Operational Performance Indicators

- Reliability and accessibility of real-time hydrologic data systems
- Expansion of the telemetry network and identification of coverage gaps
- Accuracy and continuity of hydrologic datasets
- Maintenance and functionality of field monitoring equipment
- Integration of system data into internal and public dashboards
- Staff participation in safety and professional development activities

**Irrigation Distribution**

The Irrigation Distribution Department manages the fair, dependable, and efficient delivery of water throughout the District’s irrigation system. By prioritizing equitable distribution, compliance, and improved measurement, the department supports irrigators, protects agricultural productivity, and advances the responsible management of regional water resources.

Strategic Goals

- **Efficient & Accountable Water Distribution:** Improve water delivery efficiency and accountability across the District’s irrigation system through enhanced measurement, monitoring, and operational practices.

- **Data-Driven Water Management:** Expand measurement capabilities and data collection to support informed decision-making, compliance with state water law, and interstate compact delivery requirements.
- **Infrastructure Reliability & System Maintenance:** Maintain and improve canal and pumping infrastructure through proactive maintenance, system assessments, and strategic capital planning.
- **Modernization of Water Ordering & Delivery Systems:** Maintain and improve the Logbook system while advancing a phased transition toward digital water ordering, scheduling, and tracking processes.
- **Workforce Development & Operational Capacity:** Strengthen staff skills, leadership, and operational effectiveness through targeted training and professional development.

#### Key Performance Measures

| Key Performance Indicator    | Target                        |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Water Delivery Efficiency    | Measurable improvement        |
| Measurement Coverage         | Expanded at headings/outfalls |
| Turnout Measurement Pilot    | 30–40 turnouts                |
| Infrastructure Planning      | At least 1 rapid appraisal    |
| Pump Maintenance Compliance  | 100% scheduled intervals      |
| Staff Training Participation | Annual supervisory training   |

#### Operational Performance Indicators

- Water delivery tracking and reduction of operational losses
- Expansion of measurement infrastructure at canal and turnout levels
- Maintenance and operational reliability of canal systems and pump stations
- Implementation and performance of the Logbook system and digital ordering tools
- Completion of infrastructure assessments and planning studies
- Staff training participation and supervisory skill development

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## Lands & Conservation

The Lands & Conservation Department manages and protects District lands to support infrastructure, natural resource stewardship, and long-term sustainability. Responsibilities include rights-of-way oversight, licensing, land transactions, bosque conservation, vegetation management, habitat restoration, fire mitigation, and GIS support for planning and operations.

### Strategic Goals

- **Bosque Restoration & Fire Mitigation:** Implement large-scale restoration and treatment projects to improve ecosystem health and reduce wildfire risk within District-managed lands.
- **Land Management & Compliance:** Monitor rights-of-way, address encroachments, and coordinate with legal counsel and partner agencies to protect District property interests.
- **Infrastructure & Utility Coordination:** Execute franchise agreements and coordinate with utilities and agencies on infrastructure development and maintenance occurring on District lands.
- **Mapping & Spatial Data Management:** Maintain accurate and accessible GIS data to support District operations, planning, and land stewardship decisions.
- **Organizational Capacity:** Expand conservation program capacity through planned staffing enhancements, including the addition of a Bosque Specialist/Technician.

### Key Performance Measures

| Key Performance Indicator      | Target                         |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Bosque Restoration / Treatment | Approx. 500 acres annually     |
| On-Farm Water Conservation     | Approx. 500 acre-feet annually |
| Conservation Leasing Policy    | Submit for Board approval      |
| GIS Mapping Support            | Timely completion              |
| Licensing / ROW Coordination   | Improved efficiency            |
| ISO Logbook Continuity         | Minimal interruptions          |

### Operational Performance Indicators

- Acres restored, treated, or managed for bosque health and fire mitigation
- Acre-feet of on-farm water conservation supported annually
- Timeliness of GIS mapping support for operational and planning needs
- Completion of licensing, rights-of-way, and encroachment actions
- Implementation of inspection and reporting procedures along District corridors

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## Communications

The Communications Department manages public information and stakeholder engagement for the District. Responsibilities include newsletters, digital publications, website content, media coordination, and public outreach that support transparency and strengthen relationships with water users, community partners, and the public.

### Strategic Goals

- **Community Engagement & Public Outreach:** Strengthen relationships with water users, residents, and community partners through active participation in events, fairs, and local initiatives across the District.
- **Transparent & Timely Public Communication:** Provide clear, consistent, and timely information regarding District operations, programs, and initiatives.
- **Operational Communication with Water Users:** Improve coordination and information sharing with water users, ISOs, and field teams through SMS messaging and digital platforms.
- **Public Awareness & Workforce Recruitment:** Increase awareness of District programs, bosque stewardship, agency processes, and employment opportunities through targeted outreach.

### Key Performance Measures

| Key Performance Indicator        | Target                       |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Community Outreach Participation | Consistent districtwide      |
| Public Information Distribution  | Timely updates               |
| SMS Enrollment Growth            | Increasing participation     |
| Social Media Engagement          | Sustained growth             |
| Newsletter Distribution          | Regular publication          |
| Media Monitoring / Response      | Timely tracking and response |

### Operational Performance Indicators

- Participation in community events, fairs, and outreach initiatives
- Public engagement through social media, newsletters, and digital platforms
- Implementation and utilization of an SMS messaging system
- Media monitoring and coordination of public information responses
- Communication support for District initiatives and operational updates
- Promotion of workforce recruitment and career awareness

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## Engineering

The Engineering Department provides technical leadership, infrastructure planning, and project management to maintain system reliability and long-term performance. Responsibilities include capital project delivery, system modernization, flood risk reduction, regulatory compliance, and coordination with partner agencies.

### Strategic Goals

- **Operational Support & Reliability:** Provide timely engineering and technical support to divisions to ensure reliable system operations.
- **System Efficiency & Design:** Develop designs that improve system hydraulics and water delivery efficiency.
- **Technical Knowledge & Development:** Expand knowledge of hydraulic structures and systems to support effective design and decision-making.
- **Innovation & Infrastructure Solutions:** Develop innovative solutions to improve infrastructure performance and water delivery efficiency.

### Key Performance Measures

| Key Performance Indicator    | Target                                    |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Project Completion           | ≥ 90% completed on time and within budget |
| Engineering Support Response | Timely response                           |
| Project Quality              | Positive feedback                         |

### Operational Performance Indicators

- Timeliness of engineering support to divisions
- Completion of design plans and technical reviews
- Project delivery within schedule and budget
- Development and implementation of system improvements
- Coordination with divisions and external partners
- Application of engineering standards, safety practices, and compliance

## Field Divisions

Field Divisions provide on-the-ground operations and maintenance across the District, from Cochiti to Socorro. Staff operate and maintain canals, ditches, laterals, drains, roads, and related infrastructure to support reliable irrigation service and protect system integrity.

## Strategic Goals

- **Reliable Water Delivery:** Ensure irrigation and drainage facilities operate efficiently to provide dependable water delivery throughout the District.
- **Infrastructure Maintenance:** Maintain canals, laterals, drains, structures, roads, and related assets to reduce service disruptions.
- **Operational Planning & Efficiency:** Improve maintenance planning and scheduling to reduce emergency repairs and increase field efficiency.
- **Equipment & Fleet Reliability:** Minimize downtime through proactive inspection, servicing, and repair of equipment and vehicles.
- **Collaboration & Continuous Improvement:** Strengthen coordination across teams and implement continuous improvement practices.
- **Safety & Workforce Development:** Promote a strong safety culture through training, compliance, and proactive workplace practices.

## Key Performance Measures

| Key Performance Indicator          | Target                    |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Irrigation and Drainage Operations | Maintain reliable service |
| Vehicle and Equipment Reliability  | High availability         |
| Planned Maintenance Completion     | Complete on schedule      |
| Service Request Response           | Timely response           |
| Operational Improvement            | Ongoing coordination      |

## Operational Performance Indicators

- Miles of canals, laterals, and drains maintained
- Structures repaired or replaced
- Vegetation and weed management coverage
- Equipment availability and downtime rates
- Response time to service requests
- Scheduled maintenance and project completion rates
- Safety meetings and compliance activities conducted

## **Equipment, Repair & Transportation**

The Equipment, Repair & Transportation Department (ER&T) supports reliable field operations by maintaining the District’s fleet, heavy equipment, and transportation resources. Staff perform preventive maintenance and repairs, manage fueling and parts distribution, and coordinate transportation logistics to minimize downtime and keep operations functioning efficiently.

## Strategic Goals

- **Reliable Fleet & Safety:** Maintain a safe and dependable fleet to support daily operations and minimize equipment downtime.
- **Workforce Development:** Recruit, train, and support mechanics across all divisions to ensure consistent maintenance capacity.
- **Asset Management:** Improve lifecycle management through strategic replacement and disposal of equipment.
- **Operational Planning & Efficiency:** Streamline purchasing and work order processes to reduce delays.
- **Technology Integration:** Implement improved telematics systems for tracking and performance monitoring.

### Key Performance Measures

| Key Performance Indicator      | Target                                 |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Equipment Availability         | High availability                      |
| Fleet Modernization            | Ongoing replacement of aging equipment |
| Planned Maintenance Completion | Complete on schedule                   |
| Work Order Response            | Timely response                        |
| Operational Improvement        | Ongoing coordination                   |

### Operational Performance Indicators

- Equipment uptime and availability
- Timeliness of repairs and maintenance
- Procurement and deployment of equipment
- Fleet tracking through telematics
- DOT and safety compliance
- Asset lifecycle management
- Cross-division support
- Workforce coordination and training



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## **Safety**

The Safety Program promotes employee health, safe work practices, and regulatory compliance across all departments. Responsibilities include risk mitigation, incident prevention, safety training, and administration of safety supplies and protective equipment.

### Strategic Goals

- **Strengthen Safety Oversight:** Implement a centralized platform to track safety metrics, training records, and compliance activities.
- **Professional Certification:** Pursue Safety, Health, & Environmental Professional certification to strengthen program development and technical expertise.
- **Workplace Risk Reduction:** Reduce workplace incidents and property damage through proactive risk management and prevention strategies.
- **Safety Training:** Expand and strengthen safety training programs to support safe work practices across all departments.

### Key Performance Measures

| Key Performance Indicator        | Target                          |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Workplace Incidents and Injuries | Reduce year over year           |
| Property Damage Events           | Reduce year over year           |
| Safety Training Completion       | Increase participation          |
| Incident Reporting & Tracking    | Improve timeliness and accuracy |

### Operational Performance Indicators

- Number and severity of workplace incidents
- Property damage events
- Employee training completion rates
- Safety meetings and compliance activities
- Timeliness and accuracy of incident reporting

## **Accounting**

The Accounting Department ensures accurate, transparent, and responsible financial management across the District. The department oversees budget monitoring, expenditures, financial transactions, grant administration, and reporting to the Board of Directors and District leadership.

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## Assessments

As part of the Accounting Division, the Assessments function administers the annual Water Service Charge for lands receiving water from the District, tracks delinquent accounts, coordinates service status with Irrigation staff, and processes miscellaneous fees and payments that support the District's fiscal stability.

### Strategic Goals

- **Financial Accuracy & Compliance:** Maintain high standards of accuracy, accountability, and compliance in all accounting and financial reporting processes.
- **Transparent Financial Reporting:** Provide timely and reliable financial information to support decision-making by the Board of Directors and District leadership.
- **Efficient Financial Operations:** Strengthen internal procedures and monitoring systems to ensure financial transactions are processed accurately and efficiently.
- **Grant Administration:** Manage and track state and federal grant funding to ensure compliance, transparency, and effective utilization of resources.

### Key Performance Measures

| Key Performance Indicator               | Target              |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Balance Sheet Reconciliation Completion | 100%                |
| Invoice Entry Timeliness                | 5 days or less      |
| Vendor Payment Accuracy                 | 99–100%             |
| Duplicate Payments                      | 0                   |
| Audit Findings                          | 0 material findings |
| Documentation Compliance                | 100%                |
| Month-End Close Checklist Completion    | 100%                |
| Grant Fund Management                   | Accurate and timely |

### Operational Performance Indicators

- Accuracy and timeliness of financial reporting
- Completion of reconciliations and financial reviews
- Accounts payable efficiency
- Compliance with internal controls and audit standards
- Successful completion of annual audits
- Effective collection of Water Service Charges and miscellaneous revenues
- Monitoring and resolution of delinquent accounts
- Administration, tracking, and reporting of grant-funded projects

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## Purchasing

The Purchasing Department supports compliant, transparent, and efficient procurement across the District. Responsibilities include managing bids, reviewing proposals, processing purchase orders, and coordinating with departments to ensure timely acquisition of goods and services.

### Strategic Goals

- **Procurement Efficiency:** Streamline purchase order processing and reduce delays in the acquisition of goods and services.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Collaborate with departments to ensure procurement activities meet District policy and applicable procurement standards.
- **Electronic Procurement:** Explore e-bidding and related tools to improve efficiency, transparency, and recordkeeping.
- **Facility Support:** Identify and coordinate facility-related maintenance issues requiring procurement support.

### Key Performance Measures

| Key Performance Indicator      | Target        |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Date Discrepancies             | 0             |
| Purchase Order Processing Time | Within 1 week |
| Contract Renewal Compliance    | No lapses     |

### Operational Performance Indicators

- Purchase order processing time
- Accuracy of procurement documentation
- Contract renewal compliance
- Adherence to procurement codes and internal procedures
- Resolution of interdepartmental procurement issues

## Information Technology

The Information Technology Department manages the District’s technology infrastructure and support services to ensure reliable, secure, and efficient operations. Responsibilities include system administration, network management, cybersecurity, software oversight, vendor coordination, and end-user support across all departments.

### Strategic Goals

- **Reliable & Secure Infrastructure:** Maintain stable, secure, and resilient information technology systems that support District operations.

- **Support for Operations:** Provide system administration and technical support that enables staff to effectively use digital tools and business systems.
- **Responsive Service Delivery:** Deliver timely help desk support, technical assistance, and system maintenance to sustain operational continuity.
- **Capacity & Planning:** Expand departmental capacity to support infrastructure growth, cybersecurity oversight, and long-term technology planning.

#### Key Performance Measures

| Key Performance Indicator       | Target                  |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Help Desk Response Time         | 1 business day or less  |
| Ticket Resolution Time          | 3 business days or less |
| Critical System Uptime          | At least 99%            |
| Cybersecurity Incident Response | Immediate triage        |
| Software License Compliance     | 100%                    |
| IT Support Coverage             | Continuous              |
| Ticket Resolution Rate          | At least 95%            |

#### Operational Performance Indicators

- Help desk volume and resolution performance
- Growth in supported user accounts and devices
- System uptime and infrastructure reliability
- Cybersecurity monitoring, patch management, and response activities
- Technology support for infrastructure and modernization projects
- On-site and remote technical support responsiveness

### **Human Resources**

The Human Resources Department manages recruitment, employee relations, benefits administration, and workforce planning to help the District maintain a qualified and capable workforce. HR supports all divisions by facilitating hiring, maintaining compliance with employment regulations, and promoting a productive and safe work environment.

#### Strategic Goals

- **Efficient Recruitment & Hiring Processes:** Improve recruitment timelines and hiring efficiency to ensure timely placement of qualified candidates across District positions.
- **Workforce Stability & Retention:** Enhance employee retention through compensation review, professional development opportunities, and employee engagement initiatives.

- **Workforce Planning & Labor Market Adaptation:** Align recruitment strategies with labor market conditions to address workforce shortages, demographic trends, and competition for skilled positions.
- **Expanded Recruitment Outreach & Talent Development:** Broaden candidate pools through regional recruitment, partnerships with technical schools and workforce programs, and development of apprenticeship or trainee pathways.
- **Technology-Enabled Human Resources Operations:** Use data analytics and emerging technologies to improve recruitment processes, candidate screening, and workforce planning.

#### Key Performance Measures

| Key Performance Indicator              | Target                        |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Average Time to Fill Positions         | 70 days or less               |
| Vacancy Rate                           | Reduction from current 48.28% |
| Employee Turnover Rate                 | 15% or less                   |
| Recruitment Cycle Efficiency           | Reduced approval-to-hire time |
| Qualified Applicant Pool Size          | Increase in targeted roles    |
| Professional Development Participation | Increased annually            |

#### Operational Performance Indicators

- Time-to-fill positions across departments and classifications
- Vacancy and turnover rates and their operational impacts
- Recruitment effectiveness for technical and specialized positions
- Employee retention and workforce stability trends
- Participation in professional development and workforce training
- Effectiveness of recruitment outreach, partnerships, and advertising

# Long-Term Assets Fund

The Long-Term Assets Fund contains cash held for future levee projects. In FY2027 The District has budgeted \$500,000 for the Albuquerque levee rehabilitation project. The budget also includes Interest income of \$25,000 and minimal bank fees.

## FY2027 Budget

|                                                                  | FY2026 Original<br>Budget | FY2027<br>Budget    | Incr (Decr)<br>FY27 over<br>FY26 |                   | Recurring | Non<br>Recurring  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|
|                                                                  |                           |                     |                                  | % Change          |           |                   |
| Interest on investments                                          | \$ 50,000                 | \$ 25,000           | \$ (25,000)                      | -50.00%           |           | \$ 25,000         |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                                            | <b>50,000</b>             | <b>25,000</b>       | <b>\$ (25,000)</b>               | <b>-50.00%</b>    | <b>-</b>  | <b>25,000</b>     |
| Investment Fees                                                  | 400                       | 400                 | -                                | 0.00%             |           | 400               |
| Professional Services                                            | -                         | 500,000             | 500,000                          | Add               |           | 500,000           |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>                                        | <b>\$ 400</b>             | <b>\$ 500,400</b>   | <b>\$ 500,000</b>                | <b>125000.00%</b> | <b>-</b>  | <b>\$ 500,400</b> |
| Excess (deficiency) of Revenues less<br>Expenditures & Transfers | 49,600                    | (475,400)           |                                  |                   |           |                   |
| Fund Balance                                                     |                           | 0                   |                                  |                   |           |                   |
| <b>Surplus/Deficit</b>                                           | <b>\$ 49,600</b>          | <b>\$ (475,400)</b> |                                  |                   |           |                   |



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# Debt Service Fund

Debt service payments are paid using the 1 mill revenue from the Capital Investment Fund. Ad valorem for the 1 mill is going to the Capital Investment Fund and then is transferred to the Debt Service Fund.

FY2027 transfers-in to cover debt obligations total \$1,575,164. Principal debt payments total \$1,365,637, and interest and admin fees total \$209,527.

## FY2027 Budget

|                                                   | FY2026<br>Original<br>Budget | FY2027<br>Budget    | Incr (Decr)<br>FY27 over<br>FY26 | %<br>Change   | Recurring           | Non<br>Recurring |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Interest on Investments                           | \$ 22,000                    | \$ 77,200           | \$ 55,200                        | 250.91%       | \$ 77,200           |                  |
| Total Revenues                                    | 22,000                       | 77,200              | 55,200                           | 250.91%       | 77,200              | -                |
| Transfers In - Capital Investment & General Fund  | 1,186,922                    | 1,575,164           | 388,242                          | 32.71%        | 1,575,164           |                  |
| <b>Total Revenues &amp; Transfers In</b>          | <b>1,208,922</b>             | <b>1,652,364</b>    | <b>443,442</b>                   | <b>36.68%</b> | <b>1,652,364</b>    |                  |
| Debt Service Principal Payments                   | 1,018,961                    | 1,365,637           | 346,676                          | 34.02%        | 1,365,637           |                  |
| Debt Service Interest Payments                    | 167,961                      | 209,527             | 41,566                           | 24.75%        | 209,527             | -                |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>                         | <b>\$ 1,186,922</b>          | <b>\$ 1,575,164</b> | <b>\$ 388,242</b>                | <b>32.71%</b> | <b>\$ 1,575,164</b> |                  |
| Excess (deficiency) of Revenues less Expenditures | 22,000                       | 77,200              |                                  |               |                     |                  |
| <b>Surplus/Deficit</b>                            | <b>\$ 22,000</b>             | <b>\$ 77,200</b>    |                                  |               |                     |                  |

## Debt Obligations

The District integrates debt with its Capital Improvement Program (CIP), so financing aligns with long-term priorities and cash flows. Long-term borrowing is limited to capital acquisitions and construction; it will not fund recurring operating or maintenance costs. The District retains the legal authority to issue bonds but does not contemplate using them under the current debt policy. Per policy, equipment loans are for 7 years or less, and capital projects can be up to 20 years or the useful life of the asset. Federal infrastructure loans may be longer, depending on the project.

The debt limit, excluding future federal contracts for El Vado, is \$22,084,070. For fiscal year 2025, the total debt applicable to the limit was \$5,293,250, which represents 24% of the allowable debt limit. Ad Valorem Revenues are used as collateral for all loans. Budgeted principal, interest, and administrative fees are budgeted for the following debt obligations. Projected debt obligations at the end of FY2027 total \$10,244,735. Most of the debt is related to equipment loans totaling \$7,958,473. The remaining debt is loans received for infrastructure improvements.

**Future loans payable as of FY2025 are as follows:**

|           | <b>Principal</b> | <b>Interest</b> | <b>Total</b>     |
|-----------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 2026      | 715,961          | 105,089         | 821,050          |
| 2027      | 771,996          | 95,350          | 867,346          |
| 2028      | 769,245          | 75,134          | 844,379          |
| 2029      | 788,865          | 63,313          | 852,178          |
| 2030      | 817,442          | 46,595          | 864,037          |
| 2031-2035 | 1,105,619        | 60,408          | 1,166,027        |
| 2036-2040 | 181,077          | 3,192           | 184,269          |
| 2041-2044 | 143,046          | 916             | 143,962          |
|           | <b>5,293,251</b> | <b>449,997</b>  | <b>5,743,248</b> |



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**Projected Loans Payable for FY2027 are as follows:**

| <b>Description</b>      | <b>Loan Holder</b> | <b>Original Loan Amount</b> | <b>Date of the loan</b> | <b>Outstanding balance as of 6/30/25</b> | <b>Projected Amount Outstanding 6/30/26</b> | <b>FY27</b>                    |                                           |                                           |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                         |                    |                             |                         |                                          |                                             | <b>FY27 Budgeted Principal</b> | <b>Budgeted Interest &amp; Admin Fees</b> | <b>Estimated Outstanding Debt 6/30/27</b> |
| San Acacia Loan         | NMFA - WTB         | 150,396                     | Jun-14                  | 61,806                                   | 54,148                                      | 7,678                          | 135                                       | 46,470                                    |
| Equipment Loan          | NMFA               | 2,735,575                   | Nov-18                  | 639,453                                  | 433,062                                     | 213,016                        | 11,002                                    | 220,046                                   |
| Equipment Loan          | NMFA               | 998,889                     | Feb-22                  | 472,954                                  | 355,199                                     | 157,582                        | 2,941                                     | 197,617                                   |
| Equipment Loan          | NMFA               | 3,294,384                   | Mar-24                  | 3,040,394                                | 2,762,439                                   | 288,080                        | 66,215                                    | 2,474,359                                 |
| Socorro Conveyance Ph 1 | NMFA - WTB         | 715,500                     | Jun-25                  | 679,563                                  | 647,868                                     | 35,234                         | 1,620                                     | 612,634                                   |
| Equipment Loan          | NMFA               | 4,407,773                   | Mar-26                  | -                                        | 4,407,773                                   | 576,150                        | 118,579                                   | 3,831,623                                 |
| Infrastructure Gates    | NMED               | 479,112                     | Jan-26                  | -                                        | 479,112                                     | 23,932                         | 48                                        | 455,180                                   |
| Corrales Siphon         | NMFA - WTB         | 708,000                     | In progress             | 57,591                                   | 258,579                                     | 31,982                         | 4,494                                     | 226,597                                   |
| Socorro Conveyance Ph 2 | NMFA - WTB         | 1,000,000                   | In progress             | 341,490                                  | 766,689                                     | 31,982                         | 4,494                                     | 734,707                                   |
| Feeder 3 Pump Station   | NMFA - WTB         | 600,000                     | In progress             | -                                        | 79,866                                      | -                              | -                                         | 79,866                                    |
| <b>Total</b>            |                    |                             |                         | <b>5,293,251</b>                         | <b>10,244,735</b>                           | <b>1,365,636</b>               | <b>209,528</b>                            | <b>8,879,099</b>                          |

# Grant Fund

In FY2027, Grant Fund revenues are equal to expenditures. Grant revenues are budgeted at \$11,029,764. In addition, \$363,573 in loan proceeds and \$4,906,101 in transfers from the Capital Investment Fund are budgeted for the required grant match funding. Total expenditures for the Grant Fund are \$16,299,438.

## FY2027 Budget

|                                                   | FY2026<br>Original<br>Budget | FY2027<br>Budget     | Incr (Decr)<br>FY27 over<br>FY26 | %<br>Change    | Recurring | Non<br>Recurring     |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Operating and Capital Grants                      | \$ 22,554,014                | \$ 11,029,764        | \$(11,524,250)                   | -51.10%        |           | \$ 11,029,764        |
| Loan Proceeds                                     | 1,361,414                    | 363,573              | (997,841)                        | -73.29%        |           | 363,573              |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                             | <b>23,915,428</b>            | <b>11,393,337</b>    | <b>(12,522,091)</b>              | <b>-52.36%</b> | <b>-</b>  | <b>11,393,337</b>    |
| Transfers In - Capital Investment Fund            | 5,309,867                    | 4,906,101            | (403,766)                        | -7.60%         |           | 4,906,101            |
| <b>Total Revenues &amp; Transfers in</b>          | <b>29,225,295</b>            | <b>16,299,438</b>    | <b>(12,925,857)</b>              | <b>-44.23%</b> | <b>-</b>  | <b>16,299,438</b>    |
| Projects-Non Capital                              | 7,090,587                    | 434,000              | (6,656,587)                      | -93.88%        |           | 434,000              |
| Professional Services                             | 200,000                      | 5,711,960            | 5,511,960                        | 2755.98%       |           | 5,711,960            |
| Capital Grant Expenditures                        | 15,263,427                   | 4,883,804            | (10,379,623)                     | -68.00%        |           | 4,883,804            |
| District Match for Capital Grant Expenditures     | 5,309,867                    | 4,906,101            | (403,766)                        | -7.60%         |           | 4,906,101            |
| Loan Portion for Capital Grant Expenditures       | 1,361,414                    | 363,573              | (997,841)                        | -73.29%        |           | 363,573              |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>                         | <b>29,225,295</b>            | <b>16,299,438</b>    | <b>(12,925,857)</b>              | <b>-44.23%</b> | <b>-</b>  | <b>16,299,438</b>    |
| Transfers out - Indirect Overhead General Fund    | -                            | 0                    | -                                | 0.00%          |           |                      |
| Transfers out - General Fund                      | -                            | 0                    | -                                | 0.00%          |           |                      |
| <b>Total Transfers Out</b>                        | <b>-</b>                     | <b>0</b>             | <b>-</b>                         | <b>0.00%</b>   | <b>-</b>  | <b>-</b>             |
| <b>Total Expenditures &amp; Transfers Out</b>     | <b>\$ 29,225,295</b>         | <b>\$ 16,299,438</b> | <b>\$ 21,344,948</b>             | <b>73.04%</b>  | <b>-</b>  | <b>\$ 16,299,438</b> |
| Excess (deficiency) of Revenues less Expenditures | 0                            | 0                    |                                  |                |           |                      |
| <b>Surplus/Deficit</b>                            | <b>\$ -</b>                  | <b>\$ -</b>          |                                  |                |           |                      |

## Grant Projects Budgeted for FY2027

| Description                                              | FY26 Original Budget | FY27 Budget          | Increase (Decrease) FY27 over FY26 | % Change        | Recurring   | Non-recurring        |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|
| <b>Projects - Non Capital</b>                            |                      |                      |                                    |                 |             |                      |
| NFWF EWLP Lease Payments                                 | \$ 175,000           | \$ 434,000           | \$ 259,000                         | 148.00%         |             | \$ 434,000           |
| Low Flow Channel Conveyance                              | 6,915,587            | 0                    | (6,915,587)                        | -100.00%        |             | -                    |
| <b>Total Projects - Not Capital</b>                      | <b>7,090,587</b>     | <b>434,000</b>       | <b>(6,656,587)</b>                 | <b>-93.88%</b>  | -           | <b>434,000</b>       |
| <b>Professional Services</b>                             |                      |                      |                                    |                 |             |                      |
| NFWF Phase 2 Administrative                              | 0                    | 75,000               | 75,000                             | Add             |             | 75,000               |
| Bern Co. Ag Water Efficiency                             | 20,000               | 50,000               | 30,000                             | 150.00%         |             | 50,000               |
| Alamos de Los Gallegos Acequia Assoc. #2                 | 130,000              | 93,308               | (36,692)                           | -28.22%         |             | 93,308               |
| Acequia Classroom                                        | 50,000               | 50,000               | -                                  | 0.00%           |             | 50,000               |
| NM Interstate Stream Commission                          | 0                    | 1,861,790            | 1,861,790                          | Add             |             | 1,861,790            |
| Atrisco Acequia Madre                                    | 0                    | 596,862              | 596,862                            | Add             |             | 596,862              |
| Explora Acequia Classroom Funding                        | 0                    | 85,000               | 85,000                             | Add             |             | 85,000               |
| ALGAA improvements Ph 3                                  | 0                    | 100,000              | 100,000                            | Add             |             | 100,000              |
| Capital Outlay- Vecinos del Bosque                       | 0                    | 200,000              | 200,000                            | Add             |             | 200,000              |
| Capital Outlay- Reauth.                                  | 0                    | 800,000              | 800,000                            | Add             |             | 800,000              |
| Capital Outlay- Reauth.                                  | 0                    | 25,000               | 25,000                             | Add             |             | 25,000               |
| Appropriations- ISC                                      | 0                    | 1,700,000            | 1,700,000                          | Add             |             | 1,700,000            |
| ALGAA Improvement Ph 4                                   | 0                    | 75,000               | 75,000                             | Add             |             | 75,000               |
| <b>Total Professional Services</b>                       | <b>200,000</b>       | <b>5,711,960</b>     | <b>5,511,960</b>                   | <b>2755.98%</b> | -           | <b>5,711,960</b>     |
| <b>Capital Grant Expenditures</b>                        |                      |                      |                                    |                 |             |                      |
| NFWF Phase 2 Projects                                    | 425,000              | 275,000              | (150,000)                          | -35.29%         |             | 275,000              |
| NM Interstate Stream Commission                          | 500,000              | -                    | (500,000)                          | -100.00%        |             | -                    |
| BOR Watersmart Feeder 3                                  | 1,000,000            | 1,178,989            | 178,989                            | 17.90%          |             | 1,178,989            |
| Water Trust Board Feeder 3                               | 750,000              | 2,540,875            | 1,790,875                          | 238.78%         |             | 2,540,875            |
| Socorro Main Canal Channel Lining Phase 2                | 5,645,687            | 702,597              | (4,943,090)                        | -87.56%         |             | 702,597              |
| Corrales Siphon                                          | 5,811,467            | -                    | (5,811,467)                        | -100.00%        |             | -                    |
| Loretta Rd                                               | 256,273              | -                    | (256,273)                          | -100.00%        |             | -                    |
| Loretta Rd Phase 2                                       | 525,000              | -                    | (525,000)                          | -100.00%        |             | -                    |
| Canal Infrastructure Improvement                         | 25,000               | 25,000               | -                                  | 0.00%           |             | 25,000               |
| Water Measurements                                       | 250,000              | 133,343              | (116,657)                          | -46.66%         |             | 133,343              |
| Traffic Control                                          | 75,000               | 28,000               | (47,000)                           | -62.67%         |             | 28,000               |
| <b>Total Capital Expenditures</b>                        | <b>15,263,427</b>    | <b>4,883,804</b>     | <b>(10,379,623)</b>                | <b>-68.00%</b>  | -           | <b>4,883,804</b>     |
| <b>Total Grant Expenditures</b>                          | <b>22,554,014</b>    | <b>11,029,764</b>    | <b>(11,524,250)</b>                | <b>-51.1%</b>   | -           | <b>11,029,764</b>    |
| Water Trust Board Match - Feeder 3                       | 166,700              | 503,003              | 336,303                            | 201.74%         |             | 503,003              |
| New Mexico DFA - Loretta Rd. Phase 2                     | 218,727              | -                    | (218,727)                          | -100.00%        |             | -                    |
| New Mexico DFA - Corrales Siphon                         | 3,661,793            | 4,246,975            | 585,182                            | 15.98%          |             | 4,246,975            |
| Water Trust Board Match - Socorro Phase 2                | 1,262,647            | 156,123              | (1,106,524)                        | -87.64%         |             | 156,123              |
| <b>District Match for Grant Expenditures</b>             | <b>5,309,867</b>     | <b>4,906,101</b>     | <b>(403,766)</b>                   | <b>-7.60%</b>   | -           | <b>4,906,101</b>     |
| Water Trust Board-Feeder 3                               | 83,300               | 285,496              | 202,196                            | Add             |             | 285,496              |
| Water Trust Board-Corrales Siphon Replacement            | 646,740              | -                    | (646,740)                          | -100.00%        |             | -                    |
| Water Trust Board-Socorro Phase 2                        | 631,374              | 78,077               | (553,297)                          | -87.63%         |             | 78,077               |
| <b>Loans for Grant Expenditures</b>                      | <b>1,361,414</b>     | <b>363,573</b>       | <b>(444,544)</b>                   | <b>-32.65%</b>  | -           | <b>363,573</b>       |
| <b>Total Grant Fund Expenditures</b>                     | <b>29,225,295</b>    | <b>16,299,438</b>    | <b>(12,372,560)</b>                | <b>-42.34%</b>  | -           | <b>16,299,438</b>    |
| Transfers out - Indirect Overhead General Fund           | 0                    | -                    | -                                  | 0.00%           |             | -                    |
| Transfers out - Grants Fund                              | 0                    | -                    | -                                  | 0.00%           |             | -                    |
| <b>Total Transfers Out</b>                               | <b>0</b>             | <b>-</b>             | <b>-</b>                           | <b>0.00%</b>    | -           | <b>-</b>             |
| <b>Total Grant Fund Expenditures &amp; Transfers Out</b> | <b>\$ 29,225,295</b> | <b>\$ 16,299,438</b> | <b>\$ (12,372,560)</b>             | <b>-42.34%</b>  | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ 16,299,438</b> |

# Capital Investment Fund

The Capital Investment Fund is a life-to-date fund. Ad valorem revenue equivalent to one mill is dedicated exclusively to capital investment, debt service, and the District’s required match for grant-funded projects. The Capital Investment Fund is expected to carry forward a fund balance of \$2,364,797 to support fiscal 2027 expenditures.

For the budget year, total revenues are estimated at \$4,745,000 while total expenditures are budgeted at \$7,109,415. The projected ending fund balance for fiscal year 2027 is \$382.



*Las Nutrias Heading - Mitch Georgina (MRGCD)*

| <b>FY2027 Projected Fund Balance</b>           | <b>Amount</b> |            |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| FY2026 Projected Ending Fund Balance           | \$            | 2,341,797  |
| <b>FY2027</b>                                  |               |            |
| Revenues                                       |               | 4,745,000  |
| Total Available for Expenditures               |               | 7,109,797  |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                            |               |            |
| Projected Ad Valorem Fees                      |               | 103,150    |
| Capital Expenditures                           |               | 525,000    |
| Debt Service                                   |               | 1,575,164  |
| Grant Match                                    |               | 4,906,101  |
| Total Budgeted Expenditures                    |               | 7,109,415  |
| <b>Projected Remaining Fund Balance FY2027</b> | <b>\$</b>     | <b>382</b> |

## FY2027 Budget

|                                                      | FY2026<br>Original<br>Budget | FY2027<br>Budget   | Incr (Decr)<br>FY27 over<br>FY26 | %<br>Change        | Recurring          | Non<br>Recurring   |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Ad Valorem Taxes                                     | \$4,393,800                  | \$4,745,000        | \$ 351,200                       | 7.99%              | \$4,745,000        |                    |
| Ad Valorem Interest                                  | 3,700                        | 0                  | (3,700)                          | -100.00%           | -                  |                    |
| Total Revenues                                       | 4,397,500                    | 4,745,000          | 347,500                          | 7.90%              | 4,745,000          | -                  |
| <b>Total Revenues &amp; Transfers In</b>             | <b>4,397,500</b>             | <b>4,745,000</b>   | <b>347,500</b>                   | <b>-30.53%</b>     | <b>4,745,000</b>   | <b>-</b>           |
| Ad Valorem Collection Fee<br>Projects                | 92,653<br>300,000            | 103,150<br>-       | 10,497<br>(300,000)              | 11.33%<br>-100.00% | 103,150<br>-       | -<br>-             |
| Capital Expenditures                                 | -                            | 525,000            | 525,000                          | Add                | -                  | 525,000            |
| Total Expenditures                                   | 392,653                      | 628,150            | 235,497                          | 59.98%             | 103,150            | 525,000            |
| Transfers Out - District Match Grants Fund           | 5,309,867                    | 4,906,101          | (403,766)                        | -7.60%             | -                  | 4,906,101          |
| Transfers Out - Debt Service                         | 815,922                      | 1,575,164          | 759,242                          | 93.05%             | 1,575,164          |                    |
| Total Transfers Out                                  | 6,125,789                    | 6,481,265          | 355,476                          | 5.80%              | 1,575,164          | 4,906,101          |
| <b>Total Expenditures &amp; Transfers Out</b>        | <b>\$6,518,442</b>           | <b>\$7,109,415</b> | <b>\$ 590,973</b>                | <b>-3.81%</b>      | <b>\$1,678,314</b> | <b>\$5,431,101</b> |
| Excess (deficiency) of Revenues less<br>Expenditures | (2,120,942)                  | (2,364,415)        |                                  |                    |                    |                    |
| Estimated Fund Balance/Capital Reserves              | 2,137,230                    | 2,364,797          |                                  |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>Projected Surplus/Deficit</b>                     | <b>\$ 16,288</b>             | <b>\$ 382</b>      |                                  |                    |                    |                    |

## Ad Valorem Revenue by County

| Description                   | Sandoval          | Bernalillo          | Valencia          | Socorro           | Total               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Ad Valorem - Principal        | \$ 462,000        | \$ 3,220,000        | \$ 944,000        | \$ 119,000        | \$ 4,745,000        |
| Ad Valorem - Interest         | -                 | 0                   | 0                 | -                 | 0                   |
| <b>Ad Valorem Revenue</b>     | <b>462,000</b>    | <b>3,220,000</b>    | <b>944,000</b>    | <b>119,000</b>    | <b>4,745,000</b>    |
| Ad Valorem - Collection Fees  | (9,240)           | (64,400)            | (28,320)          | (1,190)           | (103,150)           |
| <b>Net Ad Valorem Revenue</b> | <b>\$ 452,760</b> | <b>\$ 3,155,600</b> | <b>\$ 915,680</b> | <b>\$ 117,810</b> | <b>\$ 4,641,850</b> |

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Total Budgeted Revenue  | 4,745,000 |
| % of Ad Valorem Revenue | 100.0%    |

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# Capital Improvement Program

The District maintains a list of projects that are considered part of the funding cycle for the current fiscal year. The project list serves as the foundation document for the State of New Mexico's Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP), which is the mechanism for requesting Legislative Appropriations for capital infrastructure projects. The projects represent a capital investment need totaling over \$900 million.

Projects are budgeted annually based on the priority of the project, the condition of the infrastructure, design progress, and availability of funds. The funded projects list can be found in the Budgeted Capital Expenditures section of the fiscal year 2027 budget.



*San Acacia Reach - Mitch Georgina (MRGCD)*

# Budgeted Capital Expenditures

## General Fund

| Division/Department                            | Equipment Type             | Description                                       | Amount            |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| General Office                                 | Office Equipment           | HR standing desks                                 | \$ 5,556          |
|                                                | Computer Electronic        | Microphone Master Control Suite & Zoom upgrades   | 22,000            |
| Albuquerque Division                           | Shop/Weld Equipment        | Welder & large compressor                         | 17,500            |
| Belen Division                                 | Building & Structures      | Lighting & Air Conditioning unit for Welding Shop | 25,000            |
| Right of Way                                   | Land Grounds Yards         | Fencing around Pena Blanca Bosque parking lot     | 25,000            |
| ER&T                                           | Land Grounds Yards         | Fencing for existing yard                         | 20,000            |
| Lands & Conservation                           | Capital Infrastructure CIP | Water Acquisitions                                | 200,000           |
| River Operations/Telemetry                     | Capital Infrastructure CIP | Langemann Gate replacements                       | 48,000            |
|                                                | Engineer/Radio Equipment   | GPS for ADCP and Flow Tracker                     | 20,000            |
| <b>Total Capital Expenditures-General Fund</b> |                            |                                                   | <b>\$ 383,056</b> |

## Grant Fund

| Division/Department                            | Equipment Type    | Description                                     | Amount               |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Engineering                                    | Infrastructure    | Corrales Siphon                                 | 4,246,975            |
|                                                | Infrastructure    | Water Trust Board Feeder 3                      | 4,508,363            |
|                                                | Infrastructure    | Water Measurement Improvement                   | 133,343              |
|                                                | Infrastructure    | Canal Infrastructure Improvement                | 25,000               |
|                                                | Infrastructure    | Socorro Conveyance Phase 2                      | 936,797              |
| Lands & Conservation                           | Infrastructure    | National Fish and Wildlife Foundation - Phase 2 | 275,000              |
|                                                | Capital Equipment | Traffic Control Devices                         | 28,000               |
| <b>Total Capital Expenditures-Grant Fund*</b>  |                   |                                                 | <b>\$ 10,153,478</b> |
| <i>* includes grant match and loan expense</i> |                   |                                                 |                      |

## Capital Investment Fund

| Division/Department                                       | Equipment Type | Description                        | Amount            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Lands & Conservation                                      | Infrastructure | Feeder 3 Pump Station - Electrical | 525,000           |
| <b>Total Capital Expenditures-Capital Investment Fund</b> |                |                                    | <b>\$ 525,000</b> |

**Total Capital Expenditures \$ 11,061,534**

# Other Detailed Schedules

## Projects – General Fund

| Division/Department   | Project                          | Amount            | Recurring | Non-Recurring     |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| <b>Engineering</b>    | Corrales Siphon Pump Electricity | \$ 22,000         |           | \$ 22,000         |
|                       | Corrales Siphon Pump Rental      | 268,000           |           | 268,000           |
| <b>Belen Division</b> | New Belen Wasteway               | 200,000           |           | 200,000           |
|                       | <b>Total Projects</b>            | <b>\$ 490,000</b> |           | <b>\$ 490,000</b> |

## Professional Services – Conservation Program

| Division/Department         | Service                           | Amount            | Recurring         | Non-Recurring     |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Conservation Program</b> | On Farm Program                   | \$ 300,000        | \$ 300,000        | \$ -              |
|                             | MikeShe Model Development         | 100,000           | -                 | 100,000           |
|                             | Habitat Conservation Plan         | 500,000           | 500,000           |                   |
|                             | <b>Total Conservation Program</b> | <b>\$ 900,000</b> | <b>\$ 800,000</b> | <b>\$ 100,000</b> |



*Black-crowned Night Heron, Corrales - Jo Strange (MRGCD)*

## Professional Services – General Fund

| Division/Department                | Service                                                    | Amount             | Recurring         | Non-Recurring     |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>General Office</b>              | Lobbyist                                                   | \$ 54,750          | \$ 54,750         | \$ -              |
|                                    | Claims Investigator                                        | 20,000             | 20,000            |                   |
|                                    | Federal Programs Coordination                              | 132,000            | 132,000           |                   |
|                                    | Security Services                                          | 59,100             | 40,000            | 19,100            |
|                                    | <b>Total General Office Professional Services</b>          | <b>265,850</b>     | <b>246,750</b>    | <b>19,100</b>     |
| <b>Communications</b>              | Advertising                                                | 7,000              | 7,000             | -                 |
|                                    | <b>Total Communications Professional Services</b>          | <b>7,000</b>       | <b>7,000</b>      | <b>-</b>          |
| <b>Finance</b>                     | Actuarial Study                                            | 7,926              | 7,926             |                   |
|                                    | Audit                                                      | 53,934             | 53,934            |                   |
|                                    | Indirect Cost Analysis                                     | 3,925              | 3,925             |                   |
|                                    | Paper Shredding                                            | 3,344              | 3,344             |                   |
|                                    | <b>Total Finance Professional Services</b>                 | <b>69,129</b>      | <b>69,129</b>     | <b>-</b>          |
| <b>Human Resources</b>             | Salary Survey                                              | 32,000             |                   | 32,000            |
|                                    | Supervisor Training                                        | 10,000             |                   | 10,000            |
|                                    | <b>Total Finance Professional Services</b>                 | <b>42,000</b>      | <b>-</b>          | <b>42,000</b>     |
| <b>Right of Way</b>                | Bosque Homeless Camp Cleanup                               | 100,000            | 100,000           | -                 |
|                                    | <b>Total Right of Way Professional Services</b>            | <b>100,000</b>     | <b>100,000</b>    | <b>-</b>          |
| <b>Irrigation Distribution</b>     | Maintenance on Socorro Pump                                | 180,000            | 10,000            | 170,000           |
|                                    | <b>Total Irrigation Distribution Professional Services</b> | <b>180,000</b>     | <b>10,000</b>     | <b>170,000</b>    |
| <b>Engineering</b>                 | Bernardo Siphon Feasibility Study                          | 125,000            |                   | 125,000           |
|                                    | Atrisco Siphon Assessment                                  | 125,000            |                   | 125,000           |
|                                    | Sandia Right Of Way Agreement                              | 50,000             |                   | 50,000            |
|                                    | Bernalillo to Belen levee                                  | 15,000             |                   | 15,000            |
|                                    | Emergency On-Call Engineering                              | 100,000            | 100,000           |                   |
|                                    | On-Call Surveying                                          | 50,000             | 50,000            |                   |
|                                    | <b>Total Engineering Professional Services</b>             | <b>465,000</b>     | <b>150,000</b>    | <b>315,000</b>    |
| <b>Total Professional Services</b> |                                                            | <b>\$1,128,979</b> | <b>\$ 582,879</b> | <b>\$ 546,100</b> |

## Insurance and Legal Services – General Fund

| Category                                    | Description                    | Amount              | Recurring    | Non-Recurring |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>Workers Compensation</b>                 |                                | <b>\$ 175,000</b>   | \$ 175,000   | -             |
| <b>General Insurance</b>                    | Comprehensive                  | 429,445             | 429,445      |               |
|                                             | Business Auto                  | 363,001             | 363,001      |               |
|                                             | Excess Liability               | 71,500              | 71,500       |               |
|                                             | Pollution                      | 58,300              | 58,300       |               |
|                                             | BNSF License Fee               | 68,000              |              | 68,000        |
|                                             | <b>Total General Insurance</b> | <b>990,246</b>      | 922,246      | 68,000        |
| <b>Legal Services</b>                       |                                | <b>490,000</b>      | 390,000      | 100,000       |
| <b>Total Insurance &amp; Legal Services</b> |                                | <b>\$ 1,655,246</b> | \$ 1,487,246 | 168,000       |



*Managed Bosque, Belen -Jo Strange (MRGCD)*

## Agreements and Community Outreach – General Fund

|                                     | Project                                               | Amount                                                        | Recurring         | Non-Recurring    |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>Governmental Agreements</b>      | AMAFCA - Ditch Safety Programs                        | \$ 15,000                                                     | \$ 15,000         |                  |
|                                     | City of Albuquerque - Insurance Interagency Agreement | 8,000                                                         | 8,000             |                  |
|                                     | Abiquiu Reservoir - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers      | 983                                                           | 983               |                  |
|                                     | National Academy of Science Reservoir Optimum Study   | 100,000                                                       |                   | 100,000          |
|                                     | BOR - Basin Study                                     | 25,000                                                        | -                 | 25,000           |
|                                     | <b>Total Governmental Agreements</b>                  | <b>148,983</b>                                                | <b>23,983</b>     | <b>125,000</b>   |
|                                     |                                                       |                                                               |                   |                  |
| <b>Association Agreements</b>       | Rio Grande Agricultural Land Trust                    | 50,000                                                        | 50,000            |                  |
|                                     | Center for Social Sustainable Systems                 | 25,000                                                        | 25,000            |                  |
|                                     | Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program                   | 15,000                                                        | 15,000            |                  |
|                                     | Audubon Monitoring Partnership                        | 15,880                                                        | 15,880            |                  |
|                                     | SunZia - Habitat Mitigation Project                   | 77,639                                                        |                   | 77,639           |
|                                     | NM Riparian Council                                   | 25,000                                                        | 25,000            |                  |
|                                     | Explora - Student Education                           | 25,000                                                        | 25,000            |                  |
| <b>Total Association Agreements</b> | <b>233,519</b>                                        | <b>155,880</b>                                                | <b>77,639</b>     |                  |
|                                     |                                                       |                                                               |                   |                  |
| <b>Community Outreach</b>           | Family Farm Alliance                                  | 1,000                                                         | 1,000             |                  |
|                                     | National Latino & Farm Congresso                      | 375                                                           | 375               |                  |
|                                     | NM Watershed and Dam Owners Coalition                 | 400                                                           | 400               |                  |
|                                     | NMSU Ag Science Day                                   | 600                                                           | 600               |                  |
|                                     | CESOSS Annual Acequia Celebration                     | 1,000                                                         | 1,000             |                  |
|                                     | RGALT Annual Event Sponsorship                        | 2,500                                                         | 2,500             |                  |
|                                     | National Water Resources Association                  | 2,000                                                         | 2,000             |                  |
|                                     | Valencia Soil & Water Summer Camp                     | 500                                                           | 500               |                  |
|                                     | Coalition of Rio Grande Water Users                   | 2,000                                                         | 2,000             |                  |
|                                     | Valencia County Fair                                  | 1,500                                                         | 1,500             |                  |
|                                     | Socorro County Fair                                   | 1,500                                                         | 1,500             |                  |
|                                     | Bernalillo County Event/NM State Fair                 | 1,500                                                         | 1,500             |                  |
|                                     | NM Chile Taste Off                                    | 2,500                                                         | 2,500             |                  |
|                                     | Valencia County Hispano Chamber of Commerce           | 5,000                                                         | 5,000             |                  |
|                                     | Pueblo Community Support Initiatives                  | 6,000                                                         | 6,000             |                  |
|                                     | Community, School events - Material/Handouts          | 10,000                                                        | 10,000            |                  |
|                                     | Misc. Community Outreach                              | 1,500                                                         | 1,500             |                  |
|                                     | <b>Total Community Outreach</b>                       | <b>39,875</b>                                                 | <b>39,875</b>     | <b>-</b>         |
|                                     |                                                       |                                                               |                   |                  |
|                                     |                                                       | <b>Total Governmental Agreements &amp; Community Outreach</b> | <b>\$ 422,377</b> | <b>\$219,738</b> |
|                                     |                                                       |                                                               |                   |                  |
| <b>Watershed Management</b>         | Nature Conservancy - Rio Grande Water Fund            | 100,000                                                       | 100,000           | -                |
|                                     |                                                       | <b>\$ 100,000</b>                                             | <b>\$100,000</b>  | <b>\$ -</b>      |

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# Summary of Key Financial Policies

| Policy Area              | Policy Summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Balanced Budget</b>   | <p>The District prepares a structurally balanced budget in which recurring revenues meet or exceed recurring expenditures. This practice supports compliance with New Mexico requirements that local public bodies do not expend more than available fund balance. The FY2027 budget meets this standard in accordance with District policy.</p> <p>Last update: 6/22</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Budgetary Control</b> | <p>The District adopts the General Fund budget on a modified accrual basis of accounting. Budgets are prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), including the carryforward of open purchase orders at year-end through budget adjustments. Legal budgetary control is maintained at the fund level, and expenditures may not exceed the approved budget. Budget amendments require Board approval. Budget-to-actual reports are reviewed monthly by management and quarterly by the Board. The FY2027 budget is adopted in accordance with these requirements.</p> <p>Last update: 6/22</p> |
| <b>Fund Balance</b>      | <p>The District maintains a cash reserve in the General Fund equal to at least 1/12 of budgeted expenditures and monitors and manages fund balances across all funds. The FY2027 budget is projected to exceed this reserve requirement.</p> <p>Last update: 5/25</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Capital Planning</b>  | <p>The District maintains a multi-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that is reviewed and updated annually. Projects are prioritized based on asset condition, available funding, and alignment with District goals. The Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) is submitted to the State annually to support eligibility for State funding. The current CIP has been updated and submitted in accordance with these requirements.</p> <p>Last update: 5/25</p>                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Debt Management</b>   | <p>The District's Debt Management Policy establishes parameters for the planning, issuance, management, and reporting of debt and other long-term obligations. Debt is issued only for capital equipment and capital projects. The District leverages a combination of grant funding, use of the Capital Investment Fund for required matches, and debt financing to support investment in critical infrastructure and high-priority capital improvements.</p> <p>Last update: 3/26</p>                                                                                                                                        |

**Policy Area      Policy Summary**

**Investments**      The District follows New Mexico statutes and its Investment Policy, which prioritize safety, liquidity, and yield. Investment activities are overseen by the Chief Financial Officer and external advisors. The Investment Policy is reviewed and updated biennially and approved by the Board of Directors.  
Last update: 4/25

# Statistical Information

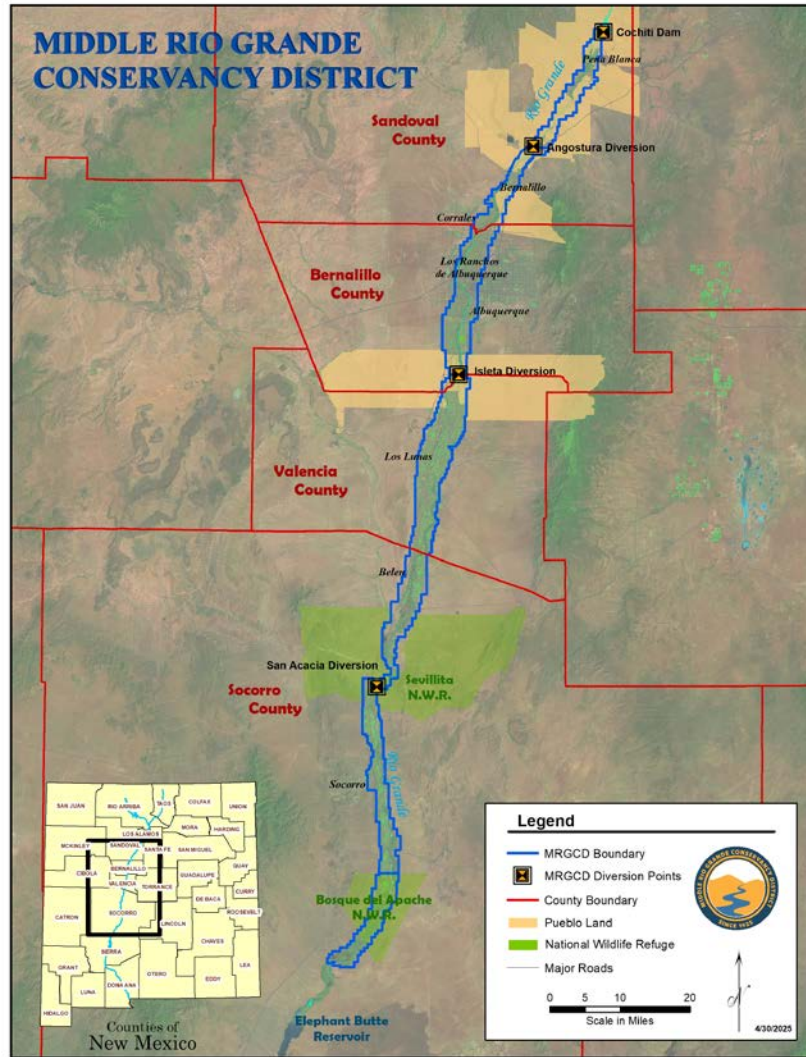
## Revenue Trends

| Description                             | 2017         | 2018          | 2019          | 2020          | 2021          | 2022          |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>General Fund</b>                     |              |               |               |               |               |               |
| Ad Valorem Revenues & Interest          | 16,367,087   | 17,172,724    | 18,513,577    | 19,325,373    | 20,055,781    | 20,789,295    |
| Increase from prior year                | 1,081,274    | 805,637       | 1,340,853     | 811,796       | 730,408       | 733,514       |
| Mill Rate (Residential/Non-Residential) | 4.598/5.7446 | 4.8729/6.0318 | 5.0693/6.3334 | 5.0693/6.3334 | 5.0693/6.3334 | 5.0693/6.3334 |
| Water Service Charges                   | 1,831,912    | 1,962,647     | 2,147,345     | 2,299,642     | 2,446,634     | 2,282,470     |
| Increase from prior year                | 8,670        | 130,735       | 184,698       | 152,297       | 146,992       | (164,164)     |
| Water Service Charge per Acre           | 37.00        | 40.00         | 43.00         | 43.82         | 43.82         | 43.82         |
| Water Service Charge Acres              | 49,511       | 49,066        | 49,938        | 52,479        | 55,834        | 52,087        |

| Description                             | Actual        |               |               | Budgeted      |               |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                         | 2023          | 2024          | 2025          | 2026          | 2027          |
| <b>General Fund</b>                     |               |               |               |               |               |
| Ad Valorem Revenues & Interest          | 21,768,375    | 22,927,235    | 24,442,056    | 24,234,820    | 26,410,000    |
| Increase from prior year                | 979,080       | 1,158,860     | 1,514,821     | (207,236)     | 2,175,180     |
| Mill Rate (Residential/Non-Residential) | 5.0693/6.3334 | 6.0693/7.3334 | 6.0693/7.3334 | 6.0693/7.3334 | 6.0693/7.3334 |
| Water Service Charges                   | 2,489,207     | 2,360,199     | 2,755,937     | 3,150,885     | 3,129,750     |
| Increase from prior year                | 206,737       | (129,008)     | 395,738       | 394,948       | (21,135)      |
| Water Service Charge per Acre           | 43.82         | 43.82         | 51.25         | 59.25         | 61.03         |
| Water Service Charge Acres              | 56,805        | 53,861        | 53,774        | 53,179        | 51,282        |
| <b>Capital Investment Fund</b>          |               |               |               |               |               |
| Ad Valorem Revenues                     | N/A           | 4,058,195     | 4,274,794     | 4,397,500     | 4,745,000     |
| Increase from prior year                | N/A           | N/A           | 216,599       | 122,706       | 347,500       |
| Mill Rate (Residential/Non-Residential) | N/A           | 1.0/1.0       | 1.0/1.0       | 1.0/1.0       | 1.0/1.0       |

## District Boundaries

In central New Mexico, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District maintains more than 1,200 miles of drains, canals, acequias and laterals, serving communities from Sandoval County to Socorro County



## District Service Area

| County            | # of Properties within District Boundaries | # of WSC Acres | County Population | Median Household Income |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Sandoval County   | 6,352                                      | 3,224          | 157,757           | 40,908                  |
| Bernalillo County | 41,909                                     | 8,508          | 676,000           | 68,317                  |
| Valencia County   | 21,881                                     | 22,867         | 80,813            | 30,631                  |
| Socorro County    | 5,207                                      | 16,796         | 16,200            | 21,239                  |

Source:

County Data pulled into District Maps

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## Mill Rate & Water Service Charge History

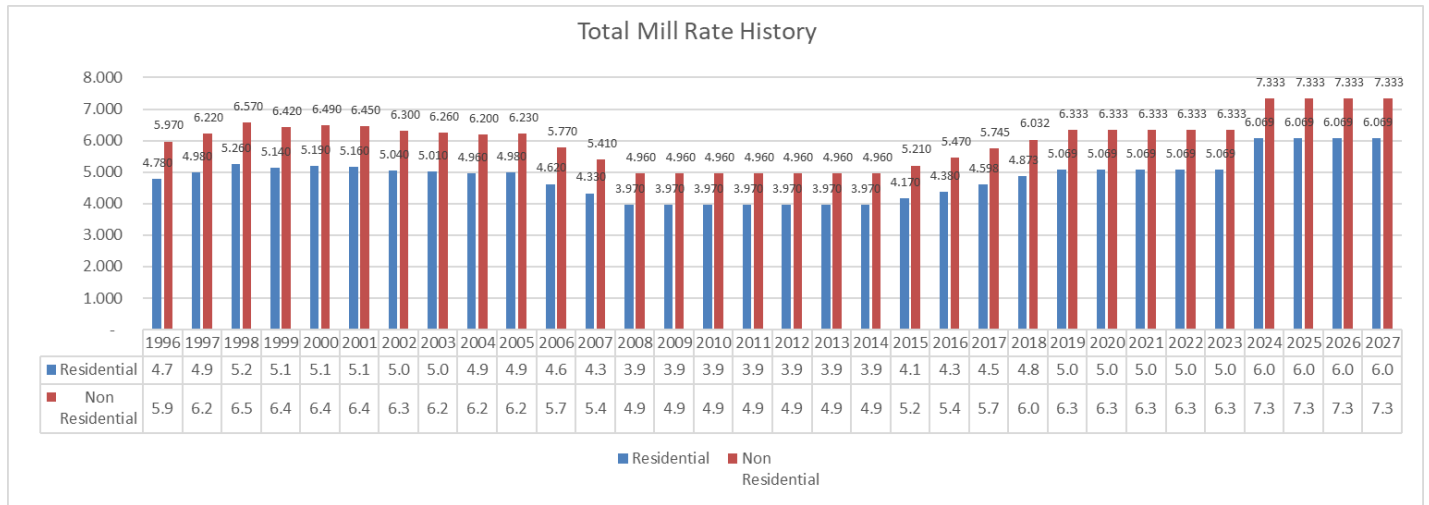
### General Fund

| Fiscal Year | Non Residential       |                       | WSC     |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------|
|             | Residential Mill Rate | Residential Mill Rate |         |
| 1996        | 4.780                 | 5.970                 | \$28.00 |
| 1997        | 4.980                 | 6.220                 | \$28.00 |
| 1998        | 5.260                 | 6.570                 | \$28.00 |
| 1999        | 5.140                 | 6.420                 | \$28.00 |
| 2000        | 5.190                 | 6.490                 | \$28.00 |
| 2001        | 5.160                 | 6.450                 | \$28.00 |
| 2002        | 5.040                 | 6.300                 | \$28.00 |
| 2003        | 5.010                 | 6.260                 | \$28.00 |
| 2004        | 4.960                 | 6.200                 | \$28.00 |
| 2005        | 4.980                 | 6.230                 | \$28.00 |
| 2006        | 4.620                 | 5.770                 | \$28.00 |
| 2007        | 4.330                 | 5.410                 | \$28.00 |
| 2008        | 3.970                 | 4.960                 | \$28.00 |
| 2009        | 3.970                 | 4.960                 | \$28.00 |
| 2010        | 3.970                 | 4.960                 | \$28.00 |
| 2011        | 3.970                 | 4.960                 | \$28.00 |
| 2012        | 3.970                 | 4.960                 | \$28.00 |
| 2013        | 3.970                 | 4.960                 | \$28.00 |
| 2014        | 3.970                 | 4.960                 | \$28.00 |
| 2015        | 4.170                 | 5.210                 | \$31.00 |
| 2016        | 4.380                 | 5.470                 | \$34.00 |
| 2017        | 4.598                 | 5.745                 | \$37.00 |
| 2018        | 4.873                 | 6.032                 | \$40.00 |
| 2019        | 5.069                 | 6.333                 | \$43.00 |
| 2020        | 5.069                 | 6.333                 | \$43.82 |
| 2021        | 5.069                 | 6.333                 | \$43.82 |
| 2022        | 5.069                 | 6.333                 | \$43.82 |
| 2023        | 5.069                 | 6.333                 | \$43.82 |
| 2024        | 5.069                 | 6.333                 | \$43.82 |
| 2025        | 5.069                 | 6.333                 | \$51.25 |
| 2026        | 5.069                 | 6.333                 | \$59.25 |
| 2027        | 5.069                 | 6.333                 | \$61.03 |

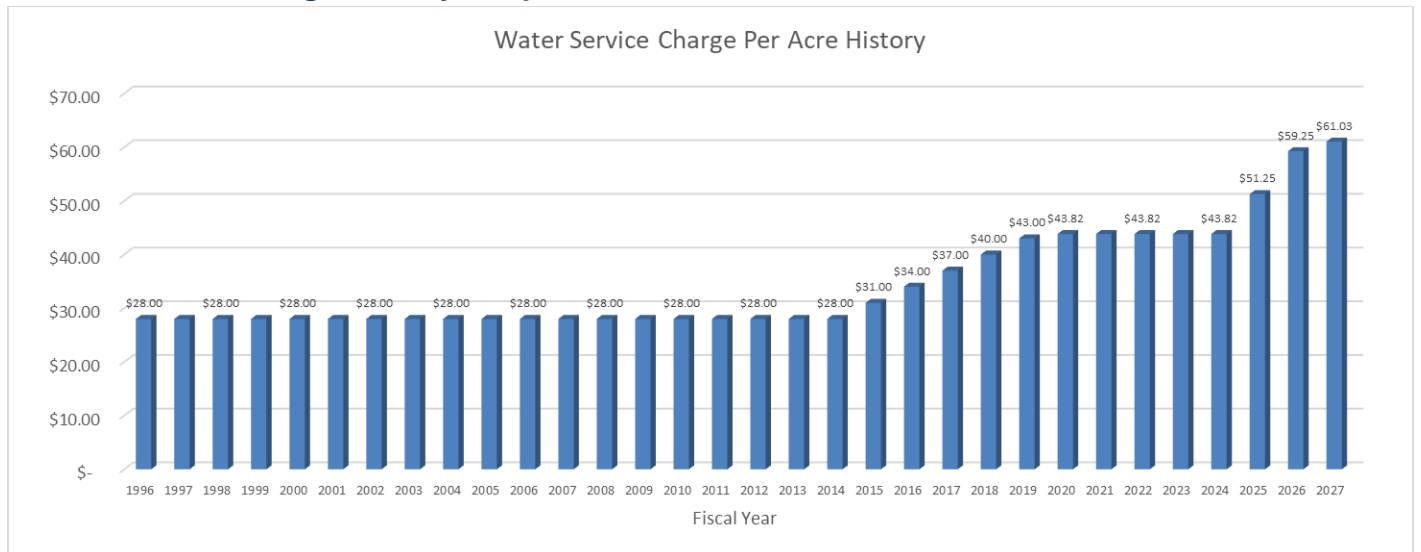
### Capital Investment Fund

| Fiscal Year | Non Residential       |                       |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|             | Residential Mill Rate | Residential Mill Rate |
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| 2020        |                       |                       |
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| 2022        |                       |                       |
| 2023        |                       |                       |
| 2024        | 1.000                 | 1.000                 |
| 2025        | 1.000                 | 1.000                 |
| 2026        | 1.000                 | 1.000                 |
| 2027        | 1.000                 | 1.000                 |

## Mill Rate History Graph



## Water Service Charge History Graph



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# Glossary of Terms

## **Acequia**

A community-operated irrigation ditch system

## **Acre-Foot**

The volume of water required to cover one acre of land to a depth of one foot.

## **Ad Valorem Tax**

Tax based on the assessed valuation of property.

## **Appropriation**

An authorization granted by a legislative body to make expenditures and to incur obligations for specific purposes.

## **Bosque**

Riparian forest ecosystem along the Rio Grande.

## **Canal Heading**

The point where water is diverted from a river or main canal into a canal system.

## **Capital Expenditures**

Funds used to purchase, maintain or improve fixed assets, such as vehicles, equipment, land or structures.

## **Compact Deliveries**

Water deliveries required under interstate water agreements.

## **Constituent**

A citizen or group of citizens within a specific area (like a district or state) who are represented by an elected official.

## **Debt Service**

The obligation to pay the principal and interest of outstanding debt over a specific period.

## **Encumbrance**

A commitment to spend money for a future purchase, contract, or other obligation.

## **Fund Balance**

The Difference between assets and liabilities in a fund.

## **Hydrologic Data**

Information related to the movement, distribution, and quality of water.

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**Infrastructure**

Large-scale physical assets that are essential for public services and economic development.

**Irrigation**

The supply of water to land or crops to help growth.

**Levee**

An embankment built to prevent the overflow of a river.

**Life-to-Date Fund**

A fund viewed over its entire lifespan, showing all financial activity from the time it was created up to the present.

**Logbook System**

Internal system used to track water orders and delivery schedules.

**Mill Rate**

The amount of tax payable per dollar of the assessed value of a property.

**Modified Accrual**

Accounting method that recognizes revenues when basis is measurable and available, and expenditures when incurred.

**Outfall**

A point where water exits a drainage or canal system.

**Procurement**

The process of acquiring goods and services.

**Rapid Appraisal**

A high-level evaluation of irrigation system performance and infrastructure.

**Telemetry**

The remote collection and transmission of data from field equipment.

**Transfers-In/Out**

Budgeted movement of funds between internal accounts (e.g., Capital Fund to Debt Service Fund)

**Turnout**

A structure that delivers water from a canal to a farm or field.

**Water Service Charges**

Fees charged to water users for irrigation service, based on acreage.

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# Acronyms

**ADCP**

Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler

**ALGAA**

Álamos de Los Gallegos Acequia Association

**AMAFCA**

Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority

**BOR**

Bureau of Reclamation

**CESOSS**

Center for Social Sustainable Systems

**CIP**

Capital Improvement Plan

**DFA**

Department of Finance and Administration

**EWLP**

Environmental Water Leasing Program

**ER&T**

Equipment Repair and Transportation

**FTE**

Full Time Employee

**FY**

Fiscal Year

**GIS**

Geographic Information System

**GPS**

Global Positioning System

**ICIP**

Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan

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**ISC**

Interstate Stream Commission

**ISO**

Irrigation System Operator

**IT**

Information Technology

**LFCC**

Low Flow Conveyance Channel

**NFWF**

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

**NMED**

New Mexico Environment Department

**NMFA**

New Mexico Finance Authority

**O&M**

Operations and Maintenance

**PERA**

Public Employment Retirement Association

**RGALT**

Rio Grande Agricultural Land Trust

**SMS**

Short Message Service

**WSC**

Water Service Charge

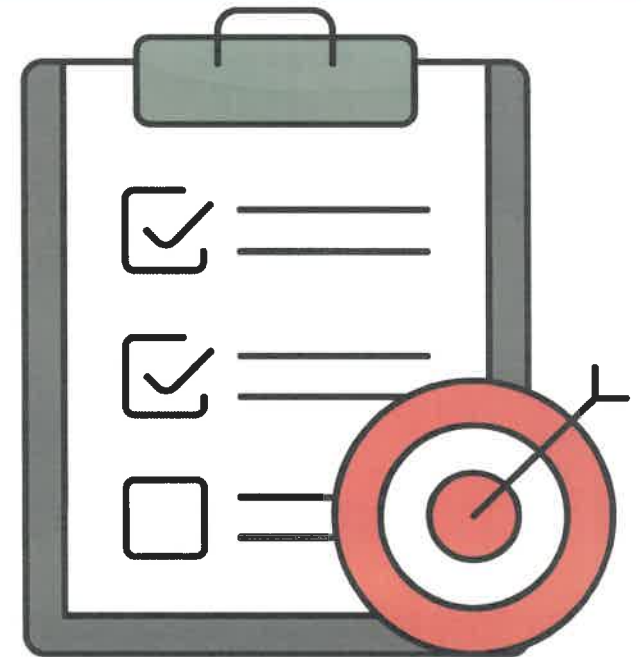
**WTB**

Water Trust Board

# Objectives



- Define and understand Fraud, Waste, and Abuse
- Recognize the “Red Flags” of Procurement Fraud
- Understand common fraud schemes
- Apply 12 -6-6 reporting correctly
- Understand the importance of internal controls
- Understand common audit findings and trends

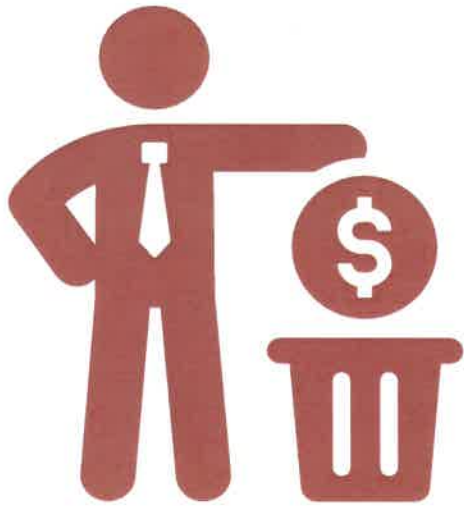


# Fraud, Waste, & Abuse Overview



- **Fraud** = intentional deception with the intent to gain personally or financially.
- But most of all, Fraud is a crime.
- In New Mexico, committing fraud, can earn you a prison up to 9 years and fines from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per offense .

# Fraud, Waste, & Abuse Overview



- **Waste** = use of public funds or resources carelessly, extravagantly, or to no purpose.
- While waste can include activities that do not include abuse, waste is primarily mismanagement, inappropriate actions, and inadequate oversight.

# Fraud, Waste, & Abuse Overview

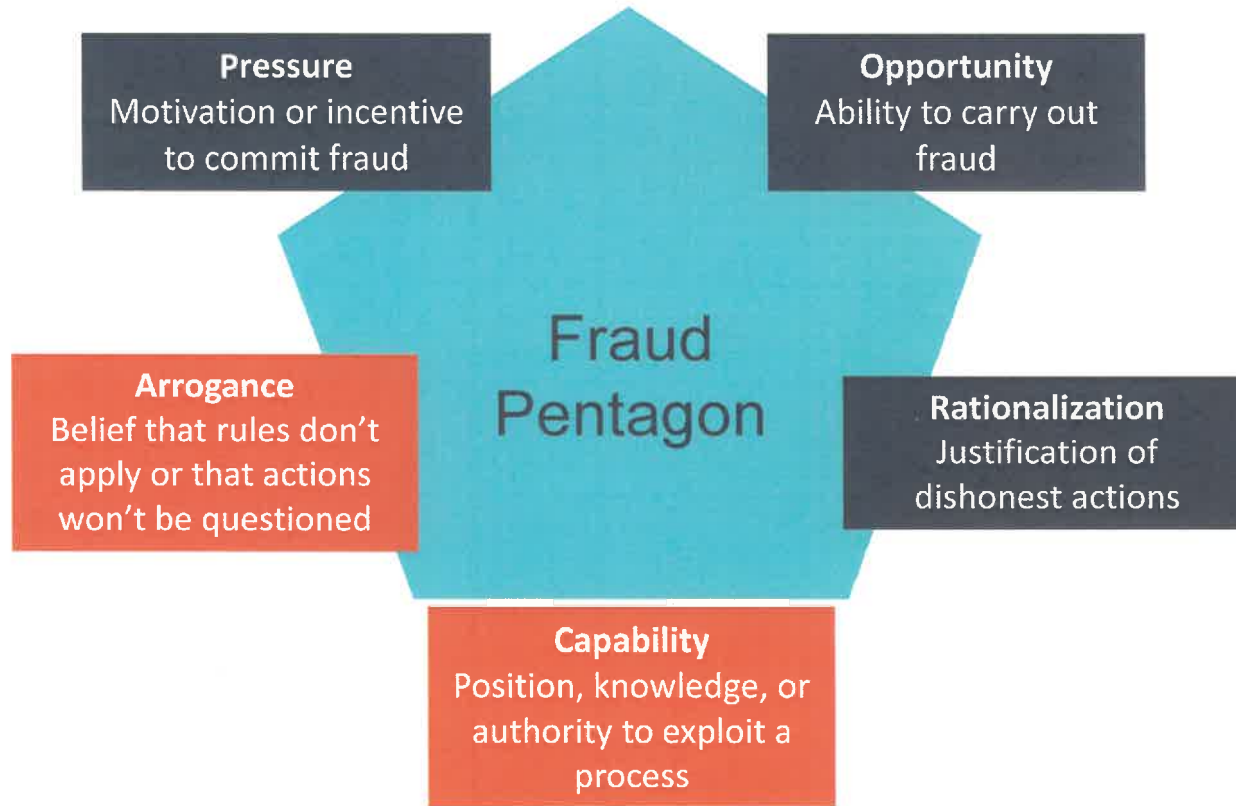


- **Abuse** = behavior a reasonable person would consider improper or inconsistent with necessary business practices.
- It includes misuse of authority for personal gain or to benefit another, including close family or business associates.
- Abuse does not include fraud or violations of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant requirements.



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# Why This Matters in the Public Sector

- Most fraud and ethics violations begin with pressure, not criminal intent
- Deadlines, emergencies, and service demands can weaken safeguards
- Public funds and authority carry heightened expectations
- Small lapses can quickly become audit findings, investigations, or loss of public confidence

*Public trust is hard to earn and easy to lose—and everyday decisions matter.*



# Key Takeaway



- No bad intent – just pressure, authority, and weakened controls creating increased risk



# How Small Issues Escalate



One-time exceptions become accepted practice



Informal workarounds replace formal controls



Documentation gaps increase



Problems surface during audits, complaints, or investigations



# Speak Up!

- Raising questions is part of your duty—not an accusation
- Policies rely on employees to surface concerns
- Early questions prevent bigger issues later

## Practical language:

- “Can we walk through how this complies with policy?”
- “Do we need documentation for this exception?”
- “Who else should review this before we proceed?”

