



Agenda

**For Presentation at the
2,236th Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District**



June 8, 2026 – 3:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Link:

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

Meeting ID: 276 506 9278 and Passcode: 504470

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All items on Agenda are Subject to Action and times shown are approximate and are subject to change.

- 3:00 1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3:01 2. **Approval of the Agenda**
- 3:03 3. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Consideration/Approval of Payment Ratification – May 2026
 - b. Consideration/Approval of May 2026 Invoices for Wiggins, Williams & Wesenberg, PC
 - c. Consideration/Approval of May 2026 Invoices for Spencer Fane LLP
 - d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – May 11, 2026
 - e. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for May 2026 (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:05 4. **Discussion on DRAFT Resolution Concerning Priority of El Vado Storage Rights**
 - a. 6-Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Coalition
- 3:25 5. **Report(s) from the Water Operations**
 - a. Report on Water Supply Conditions – Anne Marken, River Operations & Telemetry Manager
 - b. Report on Water Distribution – Matt Martinez, Irrigation Distribution Manager
- 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. Employee Recognition
- 5:00 9. **Report(s) from the Director of Lands & Conservation – Casey Ish**
 - a. Report on Urban Issues Committee Meeting review of the Cabezón Channel Easement Appraisal, June 8, 2026 – Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation, Amanda Molina, Director of Communications, Vice Chair Baugh, Directors Dunning and Russo Baca
 - b. Discussion of DRAFT Resolution Concerning Water Rights Acquisition Policy – Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation
- 5:20 10. **Report(s) from the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**
 - a. Consideration/Approval of Resolution M-06-08-26-227 for the Setting Rate for Water Delivered to the La Joya Acequia for the 2027 Irrigation Season
 - b. Consideration/Approval of Resolution M-06-08-26-238 Adopting the 2028-2032 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) – Rebecca Thompson, Jr. Accountant
- 5:40 11. **Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO – Jason M. Casuga, P.E.**
 - a. Report on the Law of the Colorado River Annual Conference, May 18-19, 2026, Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO and Director Russo Baca

- b. Report on MRGCD's Sandoval County Community & Farmers Informational Meeting, May 28, 2026 - Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO, Chairman Kelly, Vice Chair Baugh, Directors Dunning, Sandoval, Lopez and Russo Baca
- c. Report on MRGCD's Bernalillo County Community & Farmers Informational Meeting, June 4, 2026 - Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO, Chairman Kelly, Vice Chair Baugh, Directors Dunning, Sandoval, Lopez, and Russo Baca
- d. Report on 6-Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Coalition Meeting, June 5, 2026 – Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO and Director Russo Baca
- e. Information on Upcoming Events:
 - 1. MRGCD's Community and Farmers Informational Meetings 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
 - a. June 18, 2026, Valencia County – Village of Los Lunas Train Station Auditorium
 - b. June 24, 2026, Socorro County – City of Socorro Convention Center
 - 2. CESOSS' 2026 Acequia Walk & Talks Series
 - a. June 13, 2026 – Ranchos de Atrisco: Acequia Madre headwaters
 - b. July 11, 2026 – Arenal Acequia: Vecinos del Bosque neighborhood
 - c. August 22, 2026 – Los Padillas Acequia
 - d. September 5, 2026 – Armijo: Sanchez Farm Open Space
 - e. October 24, 2026 – Pajarito: Durand Open Space
 - 3. Present MRGCD's First Quarterly Update on the Atrisco Acequia Madre Project at the Bernalillo County Commission Administrative Meeting, June 23, 2026: Albuquerque, NM
 - 4. Coalition of Rio Grande Water Users Annual Conference, September 16-18, 2026: Tamaya Resort, Pueblo of Santa Ana
 - 5. Tribal Water Law Annual Conference, September 28-29, 2026: Santa Fe, NM
 - 6. New Mexico Water Law Annual Conference, October 8-9, 2026: Santa Fe, NM

6:00 **12. Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**

6:15 **13. Report(s) from the Board**

- a. Report on Farmers for Future Farmers Meeting, May 12, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- b. Report on the NM Water Dialogue's 31st Annual Meeting, May 14, 2026 – Directors Sandoval and Russo Baca
- c. Report on Valencia County Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting, May 21, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- d. Report on the Rio Grande Basin Study Agriculture Committee Meeting, May 22, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- e. Report on Congressman Vasquez's Agriculture Advisory Group Meeting, June 2, 2026 – Director Russo Baca

6:30 **14. 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