



Agenda

**For Presentation at the
2,237th Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District**



July 13, 2026 – 3:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Link:

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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 – June 2026
 - b. Consideration/Approval of June 2026 Invoices for Wiggins, Williams & Wesenberg, PC
 - c. Consideration/Approval of June 2026 Invoices for Spencer Fane LLP
 - d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Special Board Meeting – May 27, 2026
 - e. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – June 8, 2026
 - f. Memo on CEO Approval of Pumping Fee Amendment (For Informational Purposes Only)
 - g. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for June 2026 (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:10 4. **Report(s) from the Water Operations**
 - a. Report on Water Supply Conditions – Anne Marken, River Operations & Telemetry Manager
 - b. Report on Water Distribution – Matt Martinez, Irrigation Distribution Manager
- 3:30 5. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to three (3) minutes)**
- 3:45 6. **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
- 4:15 7. **Report(s) from the Director of Human Resources – Christine L. Nardi, MBA**
 - a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires
 - b. Recognition of Retiring Employee – Estella Gamboa, Assessment & Collections Supervisor
- 4:35 8. **Report(s) from the Chief Procurement Officer – Richard DeLoia**
 - a. Consideration/Approval for MRGCD's Habitat Conservation Plan
- 4:45 9. **Report(s) from the Director of Lands & Conservation – Casey Ish**
 - a. Consideration/Approval of Memorandum of Agreement between MRGCD and National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine for the Upper Rio Grande Basin Federal Reservoir Operations Study
 - b. Discussion of DRAFT Resolution Concerning Water Rights Acquisition Policy
 - c. Report on the Urban Issues Advisory Committee Inaugural Meeting, June 15, 2026 – Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation, Amanda Molina, Director of Communications, Vicechair Baugh, Directors Dunning and Russo Baca
- 5:05 10. **Report(s) from the Director of Technical Services – Alicia Lopez, PE**
 - a. Update on Corrales Siphon
- 5:20 11. **Report(s) from the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**
 - a. Review of End of Fiscal Year 2026 and Fourth Quarter Financials
 - b. Report on Audit Entrance Conference, July 13, 2026 – Pamela Fanelli, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO and Director Russo Baca

- c. Consideration/Approval of Resolution BA-07-13-26-116 Fiscal Year 2026 Fourth Quarter Unaudited Financial Report and Cash Balance Review as of July 1, 2026
- d. Consideration/Approval of the Travel Policy to reflect changes to State Statutes 10-8-1 to 10-8-8 NMSA 1978

5:40 **12. Reports(s) from the Director of Communications – Amanda Molina**

- a. Introduction of Redesigned MRGCD Website
- b. Update of Community Events

6:00 **13. Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO – Jason M. Casuga, PE**

- a. Report on MRGCD's Valencia County Community & Farmers Informational Meeting, June 18, 2026 - Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO, Chairman Kelly, Directors Dunning, Sandoval, Jiron, Lopez and Russo Baca
- b. Report on MRGCD's Socorro's County Community & Farmers Informational Meeting, June 24, 2026 - Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO, Chairman Kelly, Vicechair Baugh, Directors Dunning, Sandoval, Lopez and Russo Baca
- c. Report on Legislative Committee Meeting, June 29, 2026 - Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO, John Thompson, MRGCD Lobbyist, Vicechair Baugh, Directors Dunning, and Russo Baca
- d. Report on 6-Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Coalition Meeting, July 2, 2026 – Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO and Director Russo Baca
- e. Information on Upcoming Events:
 - 1. Pueblo of Isleta's Environmental Fair, July 25, 2026: Isleta Rec Center
 - 2. Los Lunas Agricultural Science Center & USDA Plant Materials Center's Field Day, August 13, 2026: Los Lunas
 - 3. CESOSS' 2026 Acequia Walk & Talks Series
 - a. August 22, 2026 – Los Padillas Acequia
 - b. September 5, 2026 – Armijo: Sanchez Farm Open Space
 - c. October 24, 2026 – Pajarito: Durand Open Space
 - 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

6:20 **14. Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**

6:30 **15. Report(s) from the Board**

- a. Report on Corrales Farmers Co-Op Meeting, June 9, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- b. Report on the VCSWCD Conservation Camp, June 10, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- c. Report on Next Generation Water Summit, June 11-12, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- d. Report on CESOSS' 2026 Acequia Walk and Talk Acequia Madre Headwaters, June 13, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- e. Report on NM Water Trust Exploratory Committee Meeting, June 30, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- f. Report on MRGCD Field Visit to Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge, July 1, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh, Director Lopez and Russo Baca
- g. Report on CESOSS' 2026 Acequia Walk and Talk Arenal Acequia, July 11, 2026 – Director Russo Baca

6:45 **16. 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