



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:

<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 – 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



MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors
 Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer
 From: Tarah Jaramillo, Executive Assistant
 Date: July 13, 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 meetings, and for your information, memos regarding a CEO approval of pumping fee amendment and a list of the approved MRGCD licenses for June.

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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	38,363.54	MAY 2026 WITHHOLDING TAX	
EFT	PAYROLL	390,668.01	PAY PERIOD 12	
EFT	PERA	136,378.06	PAY PERIOD 12	
EFT	IRS	82,061.57	PAY PERIOD 12	
EFT	VOYA DEFERRED COMP	35,083.49	PAY PERIOD 12	
EFT	PAYROLL	366,427.31	PAY PERIOD 13	
EFT	PERA	135,409.59	PAY PERIOD 13	
EFT	IRS	48,507.71	PAY PERIOD 13	
EFT	VOYA DEFERRED COMP	8,508.49	PAY PERIOD 13	
TOTAL PAYROLL		1,241,407.77		
Checks				
158571	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT, LLC.	43,400.00	EQUIP. LOAN DEWATERING DIESEL PUMP	SOCORRO DIVISION
		2,024.53	FILTERS	INVENTORY
		236,928.57	JOHN DEERE 160P EXCAVATOR	GRANTS FUND
		77.40	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158572	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NM	11,106.70	DENTAL INSURANCE	GENERAL FUND
158573	BOHANNAN HUSTON	78.31	FEEDER 3 TASK ORDER 5	ENGINEERING
158574	BOHANNAN HUSTON	33,242.07	FEEDER 3 TASK NO 12	GRANTS FUND
158575	BOHANNAN HUSTON	2,224.61	FEEDER 3 TASK ORDER 5	ENGINEERING
158576	BOHANNAN HUSTON	34,653.81	FEEDER 3 TASK NO 12	GRANTS FUND
158577	CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE	206,643.52	HEALTH INSURANCE	GENERAL FUND
158578	FORRESTER & ASSOCIATES, LLC	29,484.38	SAN FRANCISCO OUTFALL	GRANTS FUND
158579	HM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	1,505.10	VISION BENEFITS	GENERAL FUND
158580	PRE-PAID LEGAL SERVICES, INC.	583.55	LEGAL SHIELD	GENERAL FUND
158581	MELLOY CHEVROLET	36,322.00	EQUIP. LOAN MID-SIZE CREW CAB TRUCK	LANDS & CONSERVATION
		36,322.00	EQUIP. LOAN MID-SIZE CREW CAB TRUCK	RIGHT OF WAY DEPT.
158582	NEW MEXICO MUTUAL	3,329.35	WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIMS	GENERAL FUND
158583	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	37.79	A/C UNIT MAINTENANCE	BELEN DIVISION
		69.39	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
		542.94	PRESSURE WASHER SHED	BELEN DIVISION
		892.72	WELDING SHOP	BELEN DIVISION
158584	ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH CORPS	27,000.00	SAN FRANCISCO OUTFALL	GRANTS FUND
158585	UNUM LIFE INSURANCE	14,041.52	LIFE/DISABILITY INS	GENERAL FUND
158586	VERMEER MOUNTIAN WEST, INC	89,528.00	EQUIP. LOAN 15" CHIPPER	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158587	A-1 QUALITY REDI-MIX	625.50	CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE	SOCORRO DIVISION
158588	ABCWUA	1,053.20	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		364.70	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		748.47	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	GENERAL OFFICE
158589	ACTION HOSE, INC.	99.86	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158590	ACUITY INSURANCE	110.00	GENERAL INSURANCE	GENERAL FUND
158591	ALBUQUERQUE PUBLISHING	162.38	LEGAL NOTICES	PURCHASING
158592	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	273.77	COMPUTER/PRINTER SUPPLIES	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
158593	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	64.97	OFFICE SUPPLIES	ACCOUNTING
		31.12	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
158594	ATMAX EQUIPMENT CO.	130.00	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		1,132.20	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158595	BOOT BARN, INC.	152.95	BOOT VOUCHER	COMMUNICATIONS
158596	BUSTED STEM	452.03	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158597	C & E CONCRETE, INC	1,684.00	CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE	BELEN DIVISION
158598	CASTLE BRANCH, INC.	167.90	PRE-EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND CHECK	HUMAN RESOURCES
158599	CENTURY EQUIPMENT RENTALS	48.50	FREIGHT	SOCORRO DIVISION
		2,040.24	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
158600	CENTURY LINK	106.62	VOIP/INTERNET	BELEN DIVISION
158601	CHOICE STEEL COMPANY	6,738.32	WELDING SHOP	BELEN DIVISION
158602	CHOICE STEEL COMPANY	9,434.65	BERNALILLO/VALENCIA GATES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		910.35	BERNALILLO/VALENCIA GATES	GRANTS FUND
158603	CITY OF BELEN	2,542.91	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	BELEN DIVISION
158604	CONTINENTAL BATTERY COMPANY	153.71	BATTERIES	BELEN DIVISION
		1,726.84	BATTERIES	INVENTORY
		153.71	BATTERIES	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158605	CRAIG INDEPENDENT TIRE CO.	25.75	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158606	DESERT GARDENS	20,175.63	VEGETATION REMOVAL	RIGHT OF WAY DEPT.

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158607	DESERT GREENS EQUIPMENT	1,011.96	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		428.54	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
158608	EXPRESS AUTO GLASS	1,800.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		400.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
158609	FLEETPRIDE	73.86	FLEETGAURD FILTERS	INVENTORY
158610	FRESNO VALVES & CASTINGS, INC.	6,613.00	STEMS	INVENTORY
158611	GALLEGOS, FILEMON	160.00	RODENT MANAGEMENT	BELEN DIVISION
158612	GENSLER, DAVID	779.23	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
158613	GENUINE NAPA AUTO PARTS	59.99	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT MAINT.	BELEN DIVISION
		189.21	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		221.98	PARTS & REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		50.37	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
158614	GEOTEL CORPORATION	1,155.64	PRESS CLIPPING SERVICE	COMMUNICATIONS
158615	GLOBAL POWER SPORTS, LLC.	144.30	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
158616	GRAINGER	84.72	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158617	HEIGHTS SECURITY, INC	2,039.69	HYDROLOGY SUPPLIES	WATER OPERATIONS
158618	HIGH DESERT INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	363.12	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
158619	IDEAL PLUMBING & HEATING LLC	827.57	SERVICE CALL	GENERAL OFFICE
158620	JIFFY LUBE	131.54	FLUIDS/FILTERS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		80.09	FLUIDS/FILTERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158621	JIVE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	2,585.26	VOIP/INTERNET	GENERAL OFFICE
158622	J.A TIRE ROAD SERVICE	370.87	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		37.76	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158623	JPR DECORATIVE GRAVEL, INC.	942.80	ROCK/GRAVEL/BASE MATERIAL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158624	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC.	174.34	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		270.78	WELDING SUPPLIES	INVENTORY
158625	MAINTENANCE SERVICE SYSTEMS, INC.	414.10	JANITORIAL SERVICE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		2,036.03	JANITORIAL SERVICE	GENERAL OFFICE
158626	MARQUEZ, DENNIS M	940.03	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
158627	MCSWEENEY, JUDITH	166.34	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
158628	NAPA AUTO PARTS	85.94	PARTS & REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158629	NAPA AUTO PARTS	287.23	COOLING SYSTEM PRESSURE TEST KIT	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		223.63	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158630	NATURE CONSERVANCY	100,000.00	MOA - GOVT WATERSHED MGMT	GENERAL FUND
158631	NEW MEXICO GAS COMPANY	39.71	NATURAL GAS	BELEN DIVISION
158632	NEW MEXICO GAS COMPANY	101.52	NATURAL GAS	COCHITI DIVISION
158633	NEW MEXICO TRACTOR SALES	85.65	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158634	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	33.99	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	BELEN DIVISION
158635	CONCENTRA MEDICAL CENTERS	116.24	EMPLOYEE SCREENINGS	BELEN DIVISION
158636	PACIFIC OFFICE AUTOMATION	99.58	COPIER LEASE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		61.65	COPIER LEASE	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		313.04	COPIER LEASE	GENERAL OFFICE
		121.80	COPIER LEASE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		75.39	COPIER LEASE	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		382.80	COPIER LEASE	GENERAL OFFICE
		10.92	COPIER LEASE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		6.77	COPIER LEASE	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		34.50	COPIER LEASE	GENERAL OFFICE
158637	PARTS AUTHORITY, LLC.	1,132.55	BALDWIN FILTERS	INVENTORY
158638	PENA BLANCA WATER & SANITATION	101.99	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	COCHITI DIVISION
158639	PHILIPS, DEANNA	174.07	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
158640	PNM ELECTRIC SERVICES	13,219.38	CORRALES PUMP ELECTRICITY	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		647.95	ELECTRICITY	BELEN DIVISION
158641	POWER EQUIPMENT COMPANY	80.00	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,511.88	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158642	POWER FORD	2,459.47	PARTS & REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158643	RAIN FOR RENT	70,716.02	CORRALES PUMP RENTAL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158644	RANCHERO BUILDERS SUPPLY	56.97	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		18.99	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
158645	RED SHOVEL LLC	843.63	LANDSCAPE MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	GENERAL OFFICE
158646	RINKER MATERIALS	12,812.80	ALLISON LATERAL REPAIR	GRANTS FUND
158647	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	353.63	FLUIDS/FILTERS	BELEN DIVISION
		75.00	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		398.82	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158648	RUSSO BACA, STEPHANI	273.63	LAW OF THE COLORADO RIVER - SANTA FE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		506.89	NWRA - WASHINGTON DC	BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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158649	SAN ACACIA MDWCA	21.53	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	SOCORRO DIVISION
158650	SANDIA PAPER CO.	36.32	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
		472.15	MISC SUPPLIES	INVENTORY
		919.19	TOWELS	INVENTORY
158651	SOCORRO ELECTRIC CO-OP	564.38	ELECTRICITY	SOCORRO DIVISION
		2,978.88	PUMP ELECTRICITY	SOCORRO DIVISION
158652	SOUTHERN TIRE MART, LLC	99.95	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		568.54	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		173.33	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		693.32	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158653	SOUTHWEST CONSTRUCTION PARTS	239.54	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
158654	STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	291.44	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
158655	STEWART & STEVENSON POWER	1,289.37	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158656	T & T TRAILER SERVICES	309.99	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158657	TABET LUMBER	32.96	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
158658	TAS SECURITY SYSTEMS INC	40.24	SECURITY SERVICES	BELEN DIVISION
158659	TECHNA GLASS	227.03	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158660	UNIFIRST CORPORATION	112.50	MECHANIC UNIFORMS	BELEN DIVISION
		36.44	MECHANIC UNIFORMS	COCHITI DIVISION
		92.22	MECHANIC UNIFORMS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		27.37	MECHANIC UNIFORMS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		154.24	WELDING UNIFORMS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158661	UNIFORMS & MORE LLC	1,836.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	COCHITI DIVISION
		2,447.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		696.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158662	VERIZON CONNECT FLEET	5,390.36	GPS MONTHLY SERVICE	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158663	ZAMORA, ERIC	34.44	CAR WASH	EXEC TEAM
158664	ZIA EQUIPMENT, LLC.	327.04	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		323.04	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		610.04	PARTS & REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		323.04	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
158665	AFSCME COUNCIL 18	2,326.52	UNION DUES	GENERAL FUND
158666	CHAPA, ARACELY M.	8,241.80	CENTENNIAL DOCUMENTARY	GENERAL FUND
158667	STATE OF NEW MEXICO	1,372.71	PAYROLL GARNISHMENTS	GENERAL FUND
158668	COMCAST HOLDING CORPORATION	1,040.55	VOIP/INTERNET	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
158669	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICE	138.76	A/C UNIT MAINTENANCE	COCHITI DIVISION
		483.25	BUILDING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		45.65	BUILDING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	BELEN DIVISION
		159.94	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		116.90	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		40.62	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		96.43	SAFETY SUPPLIES	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
		16.67	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		81.87	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		17.90	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	COCHITI DIVISION
		17.98	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		24.97	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	BELEN DIVISION
		487.00	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	SOCORRO DIVISION
158670	INDIANA DEPT. OF CHILD SERVICES	472.00	PAYROLL GARNISHMENTS	GENERAL FUND
158671	MRGCD PETTY CASH	121.62	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
158672	NEW MEXICO RIPARIAN COUNCIL	25,000.00	ANNUAL ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT	GENERAL FUND
158673	POSTMASTER US POSTAL SERVICE	276.00	PO BOX RENTAL	GENERAL FUND
158674	SPENCER FANE, LLP.	7,792.20	LEGAL SERVICES	GENERAL FUND
158675	STATE OF NM TAXATION REVENUE	418.72	PAYROLL GARNISHMENTS	GENERAL FUND
158676	SUNDANCE MECHANICAL & UTILITY	33,144.27	4 DAUGHTERS SETTLEMENT	GENERAL FUND
158677	TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU	260.31	PAYROLL GARNISHMENTS	GENERAL FUND
158678	VALENCIA COUNTY CLERK	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
158679	WIGGINS, WILLIAMS & WESENBERG	13,446.99	LEGAL SERVICES	GENERAL FUND
158680	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT, LLC.	197.54	FLUIDS/FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		(13.38)	PARTS & REPAIRS CREDIT	BELEN DIVISION
		151.76	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
158681	ACOSTA EQUIPMENT, INC.	123.24	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		48.97	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
158682	ACTION HOSE, INC.	489.12	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158683	ALBUQUERQUE BOLT & FASTENER	102.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158684	ALBUQUERQUE FREIGHTLINER	128.41	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION

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158685	ALBUQUERQUE POWER EQUIPMENT	701.99	MISC. PARTS/SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158686	ALL AROUND AUTO, LLC.	69.50	FLUIDS/FILTERS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		103.00	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
158687	ALLSTATE HYDRAULICS, INC.	3,556.15	R&R HYDRAULIC CYLINDER UNIT 57027	BELEN DIVISION
158688	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	99.24	HYDROLOGY SUPPLIES	WATER OPERATIONS
		389.40	SAFETY SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158689	BARNHILL BOLT COMPANY INC	46.22	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158690	BAUGH, COLIN T.	113.96	RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION - SANTA FE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
158691	BENAVIDEZ, CAROL	246.48	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
158692	BLACK ROCK SERVICES, LLC.	12,604.59	NEW BELEN ROAD REPAIR	GRANTS FUND
158693	BOOT BARN, INC.	178.45	BOOT VOUCHERS- UNION	COCHITI DIVISION
		195.49	BOOT VOUCHERS- UNION	SOCORRO DIVISION
158694	BUDGET TRANSMISSION MASTERS	7,575.00	R&R TRANSMISSION UNIT 43460	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158695	BUSTED STEM	452.02	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		134.53	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158696	C & E CONCRETE, INC	832.00	CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE	BELEN DIVISION
158697	CONSENSUS BUILDING INSTITUTE	820.00	THORNBURG BASIN STUDY	GRANTS FUND
158698	CENTURY EQUIPMENT RENTALS	55.90	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,003.15	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158699	CONTINENTAL BATTERY COMPANY	81.91	BATTERIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		165.30	BATTERIES	BELEN DIVISION
158700	DESERT GARDENS	16,789.51	TREE REMOVAL	GENERAL OFFICE
158701	DESERT GREENS EQUIPMENT	46.65	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,011.96	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158702	DOUBLE H AUTO INC.	502.02	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		386.58	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
158703	NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY	59,492.37	EQUIPMENT LOAN	DEBT SERVICE
158704	FLEETPRIDE	13.11	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		22.49	PARTS & REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158705	GENUINE NAPA AUTO PARTS	95.39	FLUIDS/FILTERS	BELEN DIVISION
		330.94	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		47.99	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		29.99	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	BELEN DIVISION
158706	GOMEZ, RAY	2,624.49	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
158707	GRAINGER	19.52	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158708	HEIGHTS SECURITY, INC	207.18	BRIVO DATA PLAN	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158709	JIFFY LUBE	87.39	FLUIDS/FILTERS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158710	KRONOS SAASHR, INC.	1,461.70	PAYROLL & TIME KEEPING	HUMAN RESOURCES
158711	LARRY H. MILLER CASA CHEVROLET	382.03	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158712	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC.	130.91	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	COCHITI DIVISION
158713	MCT INDUSTRIES, INC.	202.50	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		616.45	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158714	MELLOY FORD	84.35	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158715	MESA OIL, INC.	158.60	HERBICIDE/FLUIDS DISPOSAL	BELEN DIVISION
158716	MORA, RUBEN	1,043.20	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
158717	MUCHMORE CUSTOM PLASTICS	1,800.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158718	NAPA AUTO PARTS	98.56	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		22.94	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
		246.90	PARTS & REPAIRS	LANDS & CONSERVATION
		246.90	PARTS & REPAIRS	RIGHT OF WAY DEPT.
		18.94	SAFETY SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		120.71	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		13.89	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	WATER OPERATIONS
		134.00	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158719	NED'S PIPE & STEEL	51.00	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	BELEN DIVISION
158720	CONCENTRA MEDICAL CENTERS	146.38	EMPLOYEE SCREENINGS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		160.37	EMPLOYEE SCREENINGS	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
158721	PNM ELECTRIC SERVICES	7,091.19	CORRALES PUMP ELECTRICITY	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		44.23	ELECTRICITY	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		100.01	ELECTRICITY	BELEN DIVISION
		217.08	ELECTRICITY	COCHITI DIVISION
158722	POLING, JAMES	498.75	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
158723	POWER FORD	70.76	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158724	QUADIENT, INC.	452.65	POSTAGE METER LEASE	GENERAL FUND
158725	RANCHERO BUILDERS SUPPLY	23.99	PRESSURE WASHER SHED	BELEN DIVISION
158726	RELEVANT INDUSTRIAL	54.64	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION

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158727	RELIANCE STEEL CO.	2,224.20	METAL ORDER	INVENTORY
158728	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	1,653.28	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
158729	RUBICON SYSTEMS AMERICA, INC.	58,328.50	LAS CERCAS PROJECT	GRANTS FUND
158730	RUSSO BACA, STEPHANI	245.93	WATER LEADERS WORKSHOP - RUIDOSO	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
158731	SANDIA PAPER CO.	55.10	TOWELS	INVENTORY
158732	SELECT ROW	137.22	PARCEL ACQUISITION LUX PROPERTY3	RIGHT OF WAY DEPT.
158733	SOPYN, GREG	904.00	RODENT MANAGEMENT	BELEN DIVISION
158734	SOUTHERN TIRE MART, LLC	154.38	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		378.52	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		26.91	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	WATER OPERATIONS
158735	SOUTHWEST CONSTRUCTION PARTS	285.00	FREIGHT	SOCORRO DIVISION
		1,649.86	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		1,692.30	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
158736	SOUTHWEST LANDFILL, INC.	478.56	FIELD MAINTENANCE	RIGHT OF WAY DEPT.
		1,729.11	LANDFILL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		27.12	LANDFILL	BELEN DIVISION
158737	STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	57.69	COMPUTER/PRINTER SUPPLIES	COCHITI DIVISION
		167.18	OFFICE SUPPLIES	COCHITI DIVISION
		41.26	OFFICE SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158738	TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION GROUP	2,245.83	DATTO CLOUD	GENERAL FUND
		968.88	DATTO SAAS	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
158739	DITTO TRANSCRIPTS	675.94	MINUTES & TRANSCRIPTIONS	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
158740	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC	2,001.84	TIME & ATTENDANCE IMPLEMENTATION	HUMAN RESOURCES
158741	UNIFIRST CORPORATION	56.25	MECHANIC UNIFORMS	BELEN DIVISION
		18.22	MECHANIC UNIFORMS	COCHITI DIVISION
		46.11	MECHANIC UNIFORMS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		112.85	MECHANIC UNIFORMS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		49.84	WELDING UNIFORMS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158742	UNIFORMS & MORE LLC	498.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		768.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	GENERAL OFFICE
		3,085.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158743	VERMEER MOUNTIAN WEST, INC	218.12	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158744	WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO.	299.03	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158745	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NM	406.20	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	COCHITI DIVISION
158746	WILSON & COMPANY, INC.	46,062.98	CORRALES CONSTRUCTION ADMIN.	GRANTS FUND
158747	ATMAX EQUIPMENT CO.	349,421.68	EQUIP. LOAN MOWERMAX W/ ATTACHMENT	SOCORRO DIVISION
158748	BAKER, GARY W	78.90	DAMAGE CLAIMS	GENERAL FUND
158749	CASUGA, JASON	84.69	FAMILY FARM ALLIANCE - RENO	EXEC TEAM
		9.13	NWRA - WASHINGTON DC	EXEC TEAM
158750	COMPASS ENGINEERING	752,937.50	CORRALES SIPHON PROJECT	GRANTS FUND
158751	CONSERVANCY OIL COMPANY	3,386.90	OILS	INVENTORY
158752	J & B AUTOMOTIVE	13,350.00	EQUIP. LOAN EQUIPMENT TRAILER	BELEN DIVISION
158753	LOPEZ PRECISION, LLC.	40,000.00	BERNCO WATER EFFICIENCY	GRANTS FUND
158754	REFLECTIVE AUTO COLLISION	7,107.88	DAMAGE CLAIM UNIT 80032	GENERAL FUND
158755	U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS	310,333.33	BERNALILLO TO BELEN COST SHARING	LONG-TERM ASSETS FUND
158756	VALENCIA COUNTY CLERK	25.00	RELEASE OF LIEN	ACCOUNTING
158757	BROADWAY MOTORS, LLC	1,295.00	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158758	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT, LLC.	172.30	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158759	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT, LLC.	110.00	FREIGHT	SOCORRO DIVISION
		1,078.49	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		448.01	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
158760	ACOSTA EQUIPMENT, INC.	425.11	PARTS & REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158761	ACTION HOSE, INC.	894.58	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		556.94	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
158762	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	1,427.70	MISC. AUTO SUPPLIES	INVENTORY
158763	ALBUQUERQUE BOLT & FASTENER	62.50	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
158764	ALL AROUND AUTO, LLC.	105.00	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
158765	ALLSTATE HYDRAULICS, INC.	1,635.97	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		930.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158766	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	183.59	CELL PHONE CASES	GENERAL FUND
		59.99	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		27.98	HYDROLOGY SUPPLIES	WATER OPERATIONS
		14.84	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
		599.32	OFFICE SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		18.36	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
		15.99	OFFICE SUPPLIES	PURCHASING

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158767	AMERESCO SOLAR LLC	703.27	50 WATT SOLAR PANEL	INVENTORY
158768	APACHITO, JEANETTE	616.00	RODENT MANAGEMENT	SOCORRO DIVISION
158769	ATMAX EQUIPMENT CO.	3,642.16	ATMAX BLADE	INVENTORY
		442.27	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		3,181.95	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158770	BAUGH, COLIN T.	317.34	RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION - SANTA FE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
158771	BLACK ROCK SERVICES, LLC.	2,457.84	ROCK/GRAVEL/BASE MATERIAL	BELEN DIVISION
158772	BOOT BARN, INC.	140.24	BOOT VOUCHER	BELEN DIVISION
158773	BUSTED STEM	328.26	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158774	C & E CONCRETE, INC	852.00	CONCRETE/SHOTCRETE	BELEN DIVISION
158775	CARRILLO, RALPH R.	34.83	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
158776	CENTURY EQUIPMENT RENTALS	59.50	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		1,445.74	MOWER PARTS	INVENTORY
		674.74	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158777	CENTER FOR SOCIAL SUSTAINABLE SYS	12,500.00	ANNUAL ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT	GENERAL FUND
158778	CHOICE STEEL COMPANY	5,030.20	WELDING SHOP	BELEN DIVISION
158779	CLARK TRUCK EQUIPMENT	265.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158780	AMCCD ENTERPRISES LLC	25.00	FREIGHT	BELEN DIVISION
		351.20	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158781	CRAIG INDEPENDENT TIRE CO.	191.49	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158782	CRITTERS OIL CHANGE, LLC.	95.00	FLUIDS/FILTERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158783	DESERT GREENS EQUIPMENT	30.00	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		39.94	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		352.57	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158784	DOUBLE H AUTO INC.	165.97	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		416.32	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
158785	DUNNING, KAREN	182.40	RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION - SANTA FE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
158786	EXPRESS AUTO GLASS	1,200.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158787	FLEETPRIDE	15.00	FREIGHT	COCHITI DIVISION
		637.96	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		123.99	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
158788	GALLEGOS, FILEMON	216.00	RODENT MANAGEMENT	BELEN DIVISION
158789	GENUINE NAPA AUTO PARTS	297.13	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		335.77	PARTS & REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158790	GLOBAL POWER SPORTS, LLC.	48.46	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		104.42	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158791	HACIENDA HOME CENTERS	63.17	ANCHOR BOLTS	INVENTORY
		1,485.30	STHIL PRODUCTS	INVENTORY
158792	HELENA CHEMICAL COMPANY	1,718.75	VEGETATION CONTROL	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158793	HIGH DESERT INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, LLC.	57.44	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
158794	JARAMILLO, DANNY A.	2,159.12	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
158795	JIFFY LUBE	84.68	FLUIDS/FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		87.02	FLUIDS/FILTERS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		80.09	FLUIDS/FILTERS	WATER OPERATIONS
158796	LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	275.12	VOIP/INTERNET	BELEN DIVISION
		1,749.57	VOIP/INTERNET	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		275.12	VOIP/INTERNET	SOCORRO DIVISION
158797	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC.	136.42	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		471.49	WELDING SUPPLIES	INVENTORY
158798	MCBRIDE'S INC	392.44	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158799	MESA OIL, INC.	157.70	HERBICIDE/FLUIDS DISPOSAL	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158800	MIDSTATE ELECTRIC	199.78	ELECTRICAL WORK IN MENS RESTROOM	SOCORRO DIVISION
158801	NAJMI, YASMEEN	548.44	RETIREE HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	HUMAN RESOURCES
158802	NAPA AUTO PARTS	19.50	FLUIDS/FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		121.63	FLUIDS/FILTERS	COCHITI DIVISION
		25.84	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		88.15	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		18.27	SAFETY SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		70.60	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		(75.60)	SHOP/WELD TOOLS CREDIT	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158803	NED'S PIPE & STEEL	376.17	PRESSURE WASHER SHED	BELEN DIVISION
		61.50	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
158804	NEW MEXICO GAS COMPANY	33.92	NATURAL GAS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		37.83	NATURAL GAS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		36.33	NATURAL GAS	GENERAL OFFICE
158805	NEW MEXICO TRACTOR SALES	9,858.32	EQUIP. LOAN SPRAY SKID UNIT	BELEN DIVISION

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158806	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	375.39	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		44.04	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		23.31	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		26.99	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
158807	CONCENTRA MEDICAL CENTERS	160.37	EMPLOYEE SCREENINGS	ACCOUNTING
		163.60	EMPLOYEE SCREENINGS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		669.46	EMPLOYEE SCREENINGS	BELEN DIVISION
		872.88	EMPLOYEE SCREENINGS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		95.79	EMPLOYEE SCREENINGS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158808	PNM ELECTRIC SERVICES	1,192.45	ELECTRICITY	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		274.31	ELECTRICITY	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		1,956.87	ELECTRICITY	GENERAL OFFICE
158809	POWER EQUIPMENT COMPANY	747.60	BATTERIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		150.00	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158810	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	44.99	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158811	RANCHERO BUILDERS SUPPLY	5.28	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158812	REAL TIME SOLUTIONS INC	5,198.29	SUPPORT FOR LICENSING APP UPDATES	RIGHT OF WAY DEPT.
158813	RELEVANT INDUSTRIAL	202.90	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158814	RELANCE STEEL CO.	714.80	METAL ORDER	INVENTORY
158815	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	36.10	FLUIDS/FILTERS	BELEN DIVISION
		78.04	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158816	RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF NM, INC	60.90	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
158817	SANDIA PAPER CO.	1,728.90	SHOP TOWELS	INVENTORY
158818	SOUTHERN TIRE MART, LLC	26.91	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158819	TABET LUMBER	319.20	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
158820	THE PRINTERS PRESS	841.00	DUNNING LETTERS	GENERAL FUND
		3,300.00	ENVELOPES	GENERAL FUND
158821	THOMPSON SAFETY, LLC.	114.75	COMMUNITY OUTREACH - HARD HATS	GENERAL FUND
158822	UNIFIRST CORPORATION	56.25	MECHANIC UNIFORMS	BELEN DIVISION
		18.22	MECHANIC UNIFORMS	COCHITI DIVISION
		46.11	MECHANIC UNIFORMS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		36.52	MECHANIC UNIFORMS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		49.84	WELDING UNIFORMS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158823	VERMEER MOUNTIAN WEST, INC	1,110.05	FLUIDS/FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158824	WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO.	308.18	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158825	WATER STRATEGIES, LLC.	10,000.00	JUNE26 - FEDERAL CONSULTING	GENERAL FUND
158826	WILLIAMS WINDMILL INC	45.00	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
158827	PUEBLO OF ISLETA	734,860.29	GLOBAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT	ENGINEERING
158828	LOPEZ PRECISION, LLC.	238,687.23	ALAMEDA CROSSING PROJECT	GRANTS FUND
158829	4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT, LLC.	1,765.00	EQUIP. LOAN 12" BUCKET FOR JD BACKHOE	SOCORRO DIVISION
		36,693.60	EQUIP. LOAN DRUM ROLLER WITH REMOTE	BELEN DIVISION
		144,319.36	EQUIP. LOAN 320P BACKHOE	SOCORRO DIVISION
158830	AFSCME COUNCIL 18	2,326.52	UNION DUES	GENERAL FUND
158831	BOHANNAN HUSTON	11,540.44	FEEDER 3 TASK ORDER 5	ENGINEERING
158832	BOHANNAN HUSTON	31,932.00	FEEDER 3 TASK NO 12	GRANTS FUND
158833	BOHANNAN HUSTON	2,776.97	ALAMEDA DRAIN CROSSING SUPPORT	ENGINEERING
158834	STATE OF NEW MEXICO	1,093.20	PAYROLL GARNISHMENTS	GENERAL FUND
158835	CITY OF SOCORRO	142.63	NATURAL GAS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		249.78	WATER/SEWER/REFUSE	SOCORRO DIVISION
158836	INDIANA DEPT. OF CHILD SERVICES	472.00	PAYROLL GARNISHMENTS	GENERAL FUND
158837	MRGCD PETTY CASH	34.44	CASH WASH	RIGHT OF WAY DEPT.
158838	RAKS BUILDING SUPPLY	37.85	HYDROLOGY SUPPLIES	WATER OPERATIONS
		119.97	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
158839	ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH CORPS	49,400.06	BOSQUE HABITAT RESTORATION	GRANTS FUND
158840	STATE OF NM TAXATION REVENUE	391.92	PAYROLL GARNISHMENTS	GENERAL FUND
158841	TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU	260.31	PAYROLL GARNISHMENTS	GENERAL FUND
158842	UNUM LIFE INSURANCE	12,310.23	LIFE/DISABILITY INS	GENERAL FUND
158843	WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO.	78,662.74	EQUIP. LOAN CATERPILLAR TRACK LOADER	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158844	ACTION HOSE, INC.	130.44	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		77.74	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158845	ACUITY INSURANCE	183.00	GENERAL INSURANCE	GENERAL FUND
158846	ALBUQUERQUE FREIGHTLINER	244.77	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
158847	ALBUQUERQUE POWER EQUIPMENT	3,527.97	CHAINSAWS, POLE PRUNER, BRUSHCUTTER	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
		728.97	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158848	ALBUQUERQUE PUBLISHING	289.18	LEGAL NOTICES	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
158849	ALBUQUERQUE SEWING & REPAIR	285.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION

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158850	ALLSTATE HYDRAULICS, INC.	1,051.88	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
158851	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	15.99	OFFICE SUPPLIES	ACCOUNTING
		21.44	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
		17.99	PARTS & REPAIRS	LANDS & CONSERVATION
		17.99	PARTS & REPAIRS	RIGHT OF WAY DEPT.
		626.89	RING SOLAR PANELS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158852	ADVANCED NETWORK MANAGEMENT	363.23	SERVICE MANAGEMENT	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
158853	AWARDS ETC. LLC	19.00	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
158854	BARNHILL BOLT COMPANY INC	299.50	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158855	BUSTED STEM	166.82	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158856	CENTURY EQUIPMENT RENTALS	12.80	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		33.18	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158857	CINTAS CORPORATION	31.33	SAFETY SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		38.51	SAFETY SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
158858	AMCCD ENTERPRISES LLC	1,372.00	FS-461 STIHL BRUSHCUTTER/WEEDEATER	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158859	CRAIG INDEPENDENT TIRE CO.	25.75	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158860	CRITTERS OIL CHANGE, LLC.	95.00	FLUIDS/FILTERS	BELEN DIVISION
158861	D.R.B. ELECTRIC, INC.	1,191.17	EXIT / EMERGENCY SIGN	GENERAL OFFICE
		3,955.55	MAINTENANCE YARD LIGHTING	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158862	DESERT GARDENS	9,205.50	VEGETATION REMOVAL	RIGHT OF WAY DEPT.
158863	DESERT GREENS EQUIPMENT	26.48	FLUIDS/FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		30.00	FREIGHT	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		584.43	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		687.99	STIHL POLE SAW/PRUNNER	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158864	DHCM SERVICES LLC	6,903.27	DIAGNOSE & REPAIR UNIT 44422	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158865	DJ&A, LLC	8,549.19	SURVEY FEEDER 3	RIGHT OF WAY DEPT.
158866	DJ&A, LLC	2,163.64	BOUNDARY SURVEY JARALES RD.	RIGHT OF WAY DEPT.
158867	DJ&A, LLC	5,448.54	SURVEY-NEW BELEN WASTEWAY	CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND
158868	DOUBLE H AUTO INC.	189.86	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		63.97	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
158869	EXPRESS AUTO GLASS	600.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		50.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		500.00	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
158870	FIRST CHOICE COFFEE SERVICES	518.69	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
158871	FLEETPRIDE	33.28	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158872	GALLEGOS, FILEMON	120.00	RODENT MANAGEMENT	BELEN DIVISION
158873	GENUINE NAPA AUTO PARTS	24.99	FLUIDS/FILTERS	BELEN DIVISION
		983.09	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		74.34	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
		69.99	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	BELEN DIVISION
158874	GLOBAL POWER SPORTS, LLC.	130.84	FLUIDS/FILTERS	SOCORRO DIVISION
158875	LEE'S ELECTRIC MOTOR REPA	664.29	PARTS & REPAIRS	COCHITI DIVISION
158876	PRE-PAID LEGAL SERVICES, INC.	583.55	LEGAL SHIELD	GENERAL FUND
158877	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC.	314.61	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		28.90	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158878	MESA OIL, INC.	225.00	HERBICIDE/FLUIDS DISPOSAL	BELEN DIVISION
		300.00	HERBICIDE/FLUIDS DISPOSAL	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158879	NAPA AUTO PARTS	385.37	FLUIDS/FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		523.22	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		4.35	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		327.99	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
158880	NED'S PIPE & STEEL	1,049.40	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		95.00	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
158881	CONCENTRA MEDICAL CENTERS	358.41	EMPLOYEE SCREENINGS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		116.24	EMPLOYEE SCREENINGS	BELEN DIVISION
		261.54	EMPLOYEE SCREENINGS	COCHITI DIVISION
		261.54	EMPLOYEE SCREENINGS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		160.37	EMPLOYEE SCREENINGS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158882	SITES SOUTHWEST LTD. CO.	1,130.08	MOA DESIGN	LANDS & CONSERVATION
158883	PNM ELECTRIC SERVICES	82.04	ELECTRICITY	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158884	POWER FORD	91.63	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158885	RANCHERO BUILDERS SUPPLY	59.95	CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	BELEN DIVISION
158886	RANDY'S ACE HARDWARE	184.77	SHOP/WELD SUPPLIES	SOCORRO DIVISION
158887	REAL TIME SOLUTIONS INC	21.33	EMPLOYEE ACCESS SUPPORT	ACCOUNTING
		102.24	TXT RECORD SUPPORT	GENERAL FUND
158888	RELEVANT INDUSTRIAL	240.12	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION

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Warrant	Vendor Name	Amount	Description	Location
158889	ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	49.91	FLUIDS/FILTERS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		951.55	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158890	SOUTHERN TIRE MART, LLC	234.56	TIRE REPLACEMENT/REPAIRS	WATER DISTRIBUTION DIV
158891	SOUTHWEST CONSTRUCTION PARTS	618.94	PARTS & REPAIRS	SOCORRO DIVISION
158892	SPECIALTY COMMUNICATIONS	177.58	MONTHLY RADIO REPEATER	WATER OPERATIONS
158893	STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	82.91	COMPUTER/PRINTER SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
158894	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC	2,001.83	TIME & ATTENDANCE IMPLEMENTATION	HUMAN RESOURCES
158895	UNICOR	270.48	SHRED BINS PICKUP	ACCOUNTING
158896	UNIFIRST CORPORATION	56.25	MECHANIC UNIFORMS	BELEN DIVISION
		18.22	MECHANIC UNIFORMS	COCHITI DIVISION
		46.11	MECHANIC UNIFORMS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		36.33	MECHANIC UNIFORMS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		49.84	WELDING UNIFORMS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
158897	UNIFORMS & MORE LLC	331.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	ACCOUNTING
		5,531.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		4,508.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	BELEN DIVISION
		57.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	COMMUNICATIONS
		323.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	EXEC TEAM
		196.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	GIS/MAPPING
		52.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		26.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	LANDS & CONSERVATION
		295.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	PURCHASING
		281.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	SOCORRO DIVISION
		520.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	WATER OPERATIONS
		302.00	EMPLOYEE SHIRTS	RIGHT OF WAY DEPT.
158898	VALLEY FENCE COMPANY	2,577.62	BLUETOOTH RADIO -GATE OPENER	GENERAL OFFICE
158899	VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES	8,213.64	WIRELESS SERVICE	ALL DEPTS/DIVISIONS
Electronic Funds Transfer				
900084	WEX BANK	115,617.33	MAY- UNL \$35,214 DIESEL \$81,238 REBATES \$-835	MULTIPLE DEPTS/DIVISIONS
Credit Card Payment				
900085	WELLS FARGO BANK	1,225.69	87TH RIO GRANDE COMPACT CONTRIBUTION	GENERAL FUND
		119.99	CANVA RENEWAL	COMMUNICATIONS
		1,138.95	CONSTANT CONTACT RENEWAL	COMMUNICATIONS
		1,545.00	EZ TEXTING - MASS TEXT SUBSCRIPTION	COMMUNICATIONS
		7.18	GIFT BAGS FOR RETIREES	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		4.28	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
		66.69	LAW OF THE COLORADO RIVER SANTA FE	EXEC TEAM
		849.00	NSC MEMBERSHIP	SAFETY DEPARTMENT
		1,791.92	NWRA - WASHINGTON DC - C. BAUGH	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		1,611.24	NWRA - WASHINGTON DC - C. ISH	LANDS & CONSERVATION
		1,986.32	NWRA - WASHINGTON DC - J. CASUGA	EXEC TEAM
		1,757.80	NWRA - WASHINGTON DC - J. LOPEZ	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		1,757.80	NWRA - WASHINGTON DC - S. RUSSO BACA	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		222.20	OFFICE SUPPLIES	GENERAL OFFICE
		211.42	PARTS & REPAIRS	ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
		261.41	PARTS & REPAIRS	BELEN DIVISION
		95.00	NM WATER DIALOGUE REG. - C. BAUGH	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		95.00	NM WATER DIALOGUE REG. - M. SANDOVAL	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		95.00	NM WATER DIALOGUE REG. - S. RUSSO BACA	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
		248.21	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	BELEN DIVISION
		8.99	SHOP/WELD TOOLS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR & TRANS
		141.01	SNACKS FOR MEETINGS	HUMAN RESOURCES
		155.00	VOIP/INTERNET	BELEN DIVISION
		80.00	VOIP/INTERNET	COCHITI DIVISION
		155.00	VOIP/INTERNET	SOCORRO DIVISION
		1.08	ZENDESK SUBSCRIPTION	INFORMATION SYSTEMS
		66.01	ZOOM WORKPLACE PRO RENEWAL	INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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Warrant	Vendor Name	Amount	Description	Location
		1,241,407.77	TOTAL PAYROLL	
		2,627,701.48	TOTAL CHECKS/EFT - GENERAL FUND	
		310,333.33	TOTAL CHECKS - LONG-TERM ASSETS FUND	
		59,492.37	TOTAL CHECKS - DEBT SERVICE FUND	
		1,605,804.84	TOTAL CHECKS - GRANTS FUND	
		5,448.54	TOTAL CHECKS - CAPITAL INV. FUND	
		<u>\$ 5,850,188.33</u>	GRAND TOTAL	
Pamela S. Fanelli, CMA, CGFM Secretary-Treasurer/CFO		John P. Kelly, Chairman MRGCD Board of Directors		

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

MAY 27, 2026 - 11:00 A.M.

Directors having been duly notified; Chairman Kelly called the special meeting to order at 11:01 am.
The following Directors and Staff were present:

DIRECTORS

John P. Kelly, Chair	Present
Colin T. Baugh, Vice Chair	Absent
Brian Jiron, Director	Present
Stephanie Russo Baca, Director	Present
J. Chris Lopez, Director	Present
Michael T. Sandoval, Director	Absent
Karen Dunning, Director	Present

STAFF

Jason Casuga	Chief Engineer/CEO
Lorna Wiggins	General Counsel
Pamela Fanelli	Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Eric Zamora	Director of Technical Services
Christine Nardi	Director of Human Services
Amanda Molina	Director of Communications
Casey Ish	Director of Lands & Conservation

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

Bill Turner, Former MRGCD Director	Mike Lopez, Lopez Precision
Richar DeLoia, MRGCD	Cassidy Page, Wiggins, Williams, & Wesenberg PC

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bill Turner 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 AGENDA

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

Chairman Kelly	Yes	Director Lopez	Yes
Director Jiron	Yes	Director Dunning	Yes
Director Russo Baca	Yes		

Ms. Wiggins introduced summer law clerk, Cassidy Page, to the Board.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REPORT(S) FROM THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER -
Richard DeLoia**

a. Consideration/Approval for Alameda Open Space Drain Crossing Improvements

Mr. Casuga asked to award a contract to be constructed within their right-of-way on the existing crossing into the Alameda Open Space off Alameda Drive. He explained there was a Capital Outlay Grant awarded to MRGCD in 2022, with an appropriation for

\$350,000 to plan, design, construct, and improve open space and access and renovate the interaction of Alameda Blvd and Loretta Dr in Bernalillo County. He stated the project was originally a much larger project coordinated with DOT, but there were circumstances that delayed it. He said a portion of the money they planned for the project came from the State, which had an expiration date to expend funds before June of this year. He shared there are improvements they can still do that qualify under the grant to the existing crossing, so they are proposing to use the money for those instead of sending it back. The improvements will include the installation of a concrete barrier wall, concrete lining on the upstream and downstream faces, curb construction, and compacted gravel material, which will make the crossing safe and meets the intent of the capital outlay money.

Director Dunning asked why the original plan was delayed.

Mr. Casuga responded that the larger project at the intersection is still going forward and they followed every step they were given, but found out there were some steps they were not told about. However, they now have the opportunity to improve the crossing they constructed as part of the project. He noted they are coordinating with DFA and the money they are spending is in line with that. He added they look forward to getting the larger project done starting in November.

Chairman Kelly inquired if the larger project would be rebid or if there was just a delay in awarding the notice to proceed.

Mr. Casuga answered his understanding is the awarding contractor was comfortable with the prices given and is waiting for the timeline on construction of the project.

Mr. DeLoia presented for the approval for the Alameda Open Space Drain Crossing Improvements Project. Staff recommended award to Lopez Precision for \$238,698.80, with tax, to be funded through the Capital Appropriations Grant and awarded through MRGCD on-call contractor infrastructure contracts.

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE BID FOR THE ALAMEDA OPEN SPACE PROJECT TO LOPEZ PRECISION AS PRESENTED**. Seconded by Director Russo Baca. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

Chairman Kelly	Yes	Director Lopez	Yes
Director Jiron	Yes	Director Dunning	Yes
Director Russo Baca	Yes		

With no further comments, questions, or concerns, Chairman Kelly adjourned the meeting at 11:18am.

Approved to be the correct Minutes of the Board of Directors of May 27, 2026.

ATTESTED:

Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

John P. Kelly, Chairman
MRGCD Board of Directors

**MINUTES OF THE
2,236th REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

JUNE 8, 2026

Directors having been duly notified; Chairman Kelly called the regular meeting to order at 3:03 pm. The following Directors and Staff were present:

DIRECTORS

John P. Kelly, Chair	Present
Colin T. Baugh, Vice Chair	Present
Brian Jiron, Director	Present
Stephanie Russo Baca, Director	Present
J. Chris Lopez, Director	Present
Micheal T. Sandoval, Director	Present
Karen Dunning, Director	Present

STAFF

Jason Casuga	Chief Engineer/CEO
Lorna Wiggins	General Counsel
Kaleb Brooks	Chief Water Counsel
Pamela Fanelli	Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Christine Nardi	Director of Human Resources
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	Rebecca Thompson, MRGCD	Joe Sanchez
Matt Martinez, MRGCD	Tony Tafoya, Corrales	Linda Sanchez
Patrick Taber, BIA	Santiago Maestas, SVRAA	Chris Sichler
Gwen Baldwin, LR	Jorge Garcia, CESOSS	Paula Sichler
Jimmy Beal	Martin Haynes	Daniel Aguierre, W&C
Joshua Gamboa, MRGCD	John Thompson, MRGCD Lobbyist	Josh Mann

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tony Tafoya 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 all Directors attending in person. Rollcall votes will not be necessary for regular motions.

AGENDA ITEM NO.2 - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA .

Director Sandoval requested Item 4 be removed since there would be no representation from the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Water Coalition at the meeting.

Mr. Casuga explained the item was to address any comments regarding the presentation last month, but they did not receive any written ones. He said the Coalition asked not to be on their agenda, but people can still come and provide comment to the Board on it.

Director Jiron suggested rewording it, because it seemed like the Coalition would be present to speak on it.

Director Russo Baca felt it was acceptable to remove Item 4 and receive any comments on it during Items from the Floor.

Chairman Kelly agreed, but said those speaking under Item 4 would not be limited to the 3 minutes as they are under Items from the Floor but asked them not to double or trip that time.

Director Sandoval made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA WITH THE ABOVE CHANGES**. Seconded by Director Jiron. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 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)**

Director Dunning stated there are some really interesting studies going on and they must get a license because they are going into the Bosque to conduct those studies. She asked as part of their licensing if they could tell them what was found in the studies.

Mr. Ish responded they do not always put that as a stipulation of the license, but most of the time they are able to obtain those if it is a research entity or consulting firm.

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA**. Seconded by Director Lopez. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - DISCUSSION ON DRAFT RESOLUTION CONCERNING PRIORITY OF EL VADO STORAGE RIGHTS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 - REPORT(S) FROM THE WATER OPERATIONS

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

Ms. Marken gave a report on water supply conditions. She shared water supply has been limited all irrigation season, largely due to record low snowpack and warm temperatures. She said MRGCD was unable to store any native Rio Grande water this year because of poor hydrology, but they still would not have been able to store any native Rio Grande water due to Compact restrictions. She displayed hydrographs for the La Puente, Abiquiu, and Otowi Gages. She stated irrigation demand at Otowi is about 800 CFS and Otowi Gage is only measuring 300 CFS right now, and they have been in prior and paramount operations only since June 2nd. She noted the P&P demand at Otowi now is 273 CFS, which will incrementally increase into July, and the natural flow of the river is currently not sufficient to meet the needs of the P&P demands. The La Puente Gage is measuring 55 CFS and Abiquiu is measuring 225 CFS, and 20 CFS of the Abiquiu release is San Juan Chama water. She stated the gaps between the red and blue lines on the graph are made up of the rereleases from that P&P storage and the triangles indicate the median for each date of measured flow at the Otowi Gage over the past 55 years, which is typically around 2000 CFS this time of year, but only measuring 300 CFS right now. Ms. Marken expressed that the Middle Valley is experiencing

97 extensive river channel drying and there was almost 75 miles of dry river between
98 Cochiti and Elephant Butte yesterday, 13 of which are in the Albuquerque Reach of the
99 river. She noted there is still a trickle of flow there but it is on the verge of drying. The
100 National Weather Service's Seasonal Outlook is predicting a hot and wet monsoon
101 season.
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103 *See also Appendix I.*
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105 Director Jiron commented that at one of the meetings, BOR said farmers south of the
106 reservation were not allowed to use the runoff, as it was going to go back to the Butte,
107 and he told them water would not make it that far south and asked why they were not
108 letting the farmers utilize the overspill. He asked Ms. Marken what was happening out
109 there since she mentioned farmers were being curtailed when they are in P&P
110 operations north of Isleta.
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112 Ms. Marken responded that any water that gets past Isleta Pueblo does get delivered to
113 irrigators because it is downstream of all the Pueblo use, cannot impact that priority
114 water right, and does not get down to the Butte.
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116 Mr. Casuga said another question to ask would be if a lot of water is getting past the
117 Pueblos, is it too much water in the system for them, because the water stored for the
118 Pueblos was stored under Article 6 and 7 restrictions. He stated the Pueblos have a
119 unique status to have their P&P water stored in use of it, but no other farmers should be
120 benefiting from that storage in the nature of the Compact, and it could be viewed in a
121 harmful way for the rest of the valley long term. He said they would ask BIA why it is
122 making it past and if there is too much water in the system if a lot of water is leaving
123 Isleta. He was worried it could be misconstrued that New Mexico is putting a lot more
124 water in the system and violating the rules in which that water is stored.
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126 Director Jiron was glad farmers were using that tail end water since it is not going to
127 make it down the river or just going to evaporate. He inquired what the measuring point
128 was of how much is too much.
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130 Mr. Casuga responded that was a good question. He said they go through a similar
131 analysis when they release San Juan Chama water, as they have set a boundary to not
132 get to Bosque del Apache, and if he sees water spilling or a large volume passing for a
133 sustained period of time, he will ask staff why that is happening, but there is not a
134 standard number of days. He stated under Article 6 and 7 restrictions, the only entities
135 that should be benefitting from release of P&P water are the Six Middle Rio Grande
136 Pueblos, period.
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138 Chairman Kelly inquired how much of the spill is from diurnal operations of the
139 wastewater treatment plant, as he felt they could make the case that the spill water is
140 actually the peak of the diurnal that is getting passed.
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142 Mr. Casuga answered they would have to take a look at that and he hoped BIA would do
143 that same. However, there are no provisions for in the Compact under Article 6.
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145 Chairman Kelly asked if that provision would be reregulation reservoir at their outfall
146 where it is a consistent flow they can operate under.
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Mr. Casuga said if MRGCD asked the question of how to smooth that out, they probably have ideas to help smooth it out because they do it when they are operating the system.

Vice Chairman Baugh shared it is really important to help communicate this is the toughest it has ever been in their lifetime. He appreciated Director Jiron standing by the farmers that could maybe take advantage of extra water. However, he felt the bigger question was how to communicate and work together with BIA and other entities a little better.

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

Mr. Martinez reported on water distribution. He stated irrigation distribution is extremely challenged by historically low spring flows and there are long waits between irrigation opportunities, some exceeding 50 days without water, and those wait times are expected to increase. He said on May 24th, they notified irrigators that declining river flows would likely require a transition to P&P operations, but rain inflow on May 25th and 26th temporarily increased supplies and delayed that transition for another week. However, many areas were still waiting for the return of their rotation and the rain runoff dissipated by the end of that week. He added that river conditions have continued to decline and BIA resumed releasing water to meet P&P demand. He said MRGCD transitioned to P&P only operations on June 2nd, and curtailed areas included Sile, Pena Blanca, Algodones, Bernalillo, and the Greater Albuquerque area, and future deliveries in those areas will depend on rainfall and resulting inflows. He gave a reminder that during P&P operations, many canals and drains serve as primary conveyances to move water downstream to Isleta Pueblo and MRGCD staff are continuing to coordinate with BIA and Pueblo representatives to administer P&P water deliveries. He expressed that ISOs are making canal adjustments and monitoring for unauthorized irrigation activity that interfere with delivery to P&P water. He noted that any reported misuse will be investigated and addressed according to their enforcement procedures. Mr. Martinez said limited irrigation deliveries continue using available drain flows and tailwater downstream of Isleta Pueblo, with fluctuation of around 45 CFS daily. ISOs continue advancing rotations in the Belen Division as water supply allows, but progress remains slow from limited and fluctuating supplies, and irrigation deliveries in the Socorro Division are largely dependent on drain flows and are extremely limited. He added Unit 7 was down to 15 CFS, which is historically bad. He voiced ISOs are doing inspections and maintenance to keep the system ready to deliver whenever supplies come available and they received new chainsaws and weed eaters to support vegetation management. He encouraged water user to take delivery on short notice when offered, as rain inflows can arrive suddenly and leave quickly.

Mr. Casuga informed the Board they will be getting calls, especially in Bernalillo County, as constituents see water in strategic ditches to move water to the Pueblos.

Director Dunning received an email from someone in the Las Padillas area whose last irrigation was March 23rd. She asked Mr. Martinez how she could explain to them why they have not received a second irrigation.

Mr. Martinez responded that he would be happy to look into that, as that is one of the few areas in the Albuquerque Division that has had a third delivery opportunity.

Director Russo Baca also received an email from someone in Peralta that heard from a neighbor they would not be getting any more irrigations in Peralta on the Middle Ditch.

Mr. Martinez answered where they stand on the east side rotations is currently outside of that zone, but if supply allows, they will deliver to that particular ditch. However, the ISO in that area is newer and he may need help communicating that message out.

Director Jiron inquired what the operations look like with rotations in the Valencia County/Belen area, as some constituents reached out about the Las Cercas Ditch, saying when they are in rotations, they are starting at the bottom and working their way up.

Mr. Martinez agreed they should be delivering top to bottom and that is the instruction they give their team. He stated there are some circumstances where there may be a hay down period and they skip it and then come back upstream, but he was not sure if that was the situation there, but he will review those records.

Mr. Casuga encouraged the board members to send any calls they may get to them so they can do some research and give a written answer back on it. He said they have received many calls already and most of the time they find the ISO made the right decision after reviewing the situation.

Director Jiron suggested to those famers to call Mr. Martinez; however, he hears a lot that ISOs and/or Mr. Martinez do not answer the calls. He asked them to please answer those calls.

Mr. Casuga responded that if he would look into that, and if calls are not being answered, they would get to the bottom of it.

Director Russo Baca shared that sometimes voicemails are full, so with the influx of calls, they need to make sure they are cleaning those out often.

Director Lopez asked for an explanation on how a rotation works and when they decide to move water from one canal to another.

Mr. Martinez answered the idea behind a rotation is to give every irrigator on a canal a delivery opportunity, and water will move to another canal when everyone has had an opportunity to irrigate. He stated they generally follow a top to bottom pattern, skipping those with hay down and then trying to come back to them as long as it does not extend the overall duration of the rotation.

Mr. Casuga added that when an ISO goes into that, they have an idea of how long the water will be there, and they will be flexible as much as they can as long as it does not harm other users. He said the last thing he wants to do is send water 9 hours upstream knowing he only has 3 hours of water.

Mr. Martinez expressed they have a tool to project how long a rotation should take based on flow, acreage, and application depth.

Chairman Kelly inquired if they should ask the Bureau to do some temporary low flow channels through the dry reaches of the river that might feed down to the Isleta Diversion Dam.

Mr. Casuga felt there were a number of things they could work on with their federal partners, but he was really focused on continuing their efforts on the San Acacia Reach to move water to Elephant Butte.

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

Joe Sanchez

Mr. Sanchez voiced that he has a property in Valencia County and he was informed by his ISO this year that they are no longer going to maintain the ditch. He noted it used to run on the east side of the tracks but now runs on the west side. He stated that he talked to the people at MRGCD and they said it is not on their map or their responsibility and is a private ditch, but he said it is not and the deed from 1936 calls it the Garcia Ditch. He added it is not a big deal for them to move the choppers through there but they have not done it since last year. He requested they do that, because the overgrown Chinese Elm tree overgrowth causes more waste of water than trying to run water down the old Garcia ditch to the property there. He did not know why it could be done for over 100 years but they cannot do it now.

Chairman Kelly stated he would ask Mr. Casuga to look and see what happened there and report back on it. Mr. Casuga confirmed he would work with Right-of-way and their maintenance team on that and then report back.

Jorge Garcia

Mr. Garcia, Director of CESOSS, thanked the MRGCD for all their collaboration and opportunities to work for the community over the years. He talked about the work they are doing in Valle Vista. He said there is an MRGCD outdoor classroom, but the big question they have is how to get that curriculum into the school without causing extra work for teachers. He expressed they are working to create a pilot project and special program to allow the MRGCD outdoor classroom and the agricultural site in Valle Vista to start testing, measuring, and include all different levels of activities to test how families and parents are being influenced by it, how the teachers are taking it, and the most effective way to take it into the classroom without making another imposition on the teachers. He noted that since Valle Vista is a family resource center, they can work with the parents and extend education for them to be part of the entire educational experience. He added that in 25 years, the projection is that there will be 25% less water, so this type of education will help bring meaningful knowledge of their community into the classroom and give that knowledge, and they have to zoom into the young kids because that is the greatest opportunity to reimpact a knowledge they can actually absorb. He said they want to set up the pilot project to compile all the data to show that investing in the future of acequias is in the elementary schools, and then maybe they can extend it across the valley, because that is where their future is.

See also Appendix II.

Gwen Baldwin

Ms. Baldwin, Los Ranchos Trustee, thanked all of the staff that attended the June 4th MRGCD Farmers and Community Informational Meeting for Bernalillo County. She talked about some of the things she took away from that meeting, including the importance of collaborating and working together to increase efficiency throughout the system, reducing illegal water use throughout the system, and removing evasive and excessive vegetation along the Bosque.

Chairman Kelly thanked them for hosting their meeting.

Santiago Maestas

Mr. Maestas, with the South Valley Regional Association of Acequias, stated they are protesting the water right transfer from Los Padillas, as they do not have water to spare, it takes away the water from Los Padillas in the South Valley, it can harm acequias and domestic wells, and it is poor conservation. He shared that Mesa Verde farms pumped over 1,000-acre feet of water last year and they have been unable to figure out how many water rights they have in order to pump that much water. He said the application lacks proof, it threatens acequia culture, and they are concerned if it meets the Compact requirements. He believes the Middle Rio Grande is causing part of the problem as to why they cannot deliver water to Elephant Butte, Mesilla Valley, and Texas. He voiced they will be proceeding with the protest and hoped other political jurisdictions who are eligible would do that same.

See also Appendix III.

Tony Tafoya

Mr. Tafoya shared he heard the pumps in Corrales would not be put back into service even if the river levels came up. He stated that he knows the MRGCD is doing their best to help Corrales as much as they can, and he was not happy with BOR's idea to rethink the repairs to the El Vado Dam.

Mr. Casuga responded the pumps are on standby and if rain gives them the opportunity to turn those pumps back on, they will do so. However, they would need a rain event that produces a sustained flow for them to be turned back on.

Chris Sichler

Mr. Sichler commented on the Item 4 Draft Resolution Concerning Priority of El Vado Storage Rights. He was in support of the resolution and did not see a reason why they would need to store the entire amount of prior and paramount in the spring, especially in a dry year. He was concerned about the Compact water only being used on prior and paramount lands. He asked if someone is monitoring newly reclaimed lands to make sure they are at the same curtailment as the rest of the irrigators, because if they are using P&P water to water those lands and releasing water, that would be a violation of the Compact.

Mr. Casuga stated they are in receipt of the letter from BIA that they are to assist with the delivery of water to the prior and paramount lands only, and MRGCD is asking that same question. He said they are trying to get answers as to how that is being done so they can verify that per the 81 Agreement between the Pueblos and the federal governments, that only P&P lands of the Pueblos are supposed to benefit from that water, not newly reclaimed land.

Director Jiron stated what a lot of people are not aware of is that they have P&P stored, but when the Pueblos call for it, BOR is always prohibiting them to use it. He said if it was up to them, they would have all that water, but they have to work with the federal government to use that.

Mr. Sichler understood that, as he served on the BIA Committee and did not have a problem with them storing P&P water, and he said it was probably helpful because they can keep that water up north where it does not evaporate. He did not agree with the Pueblos request to store their entire P&P use this year, as it was unnecessary and would be to the detriment of farmers in spring runoff. He wanted to make sure the newly reclaimed lands had the same priority as everybody else in the District, and if they are releasing P&P water that has been stored on newly reclaimed lands, that would be the same as the water getting past Isleta and using it on other lands, which is violation of the Compact.

John Edward

Mr. Edward expressed that reactive spending on drought and money spent on sea level rising, erosion control, and flooding amounts to almost \$100 billion a year annually spent reactively without proactive results. He added they have not done anything in a meaningful way since the 50s, and he felt there needed to be a lot of big picture thinking. He challenged and encouraged the MRGCD and all others in New Mexico leadership to think big, because things that seemed preposterous and a gamble over 100 years ago helped create the San Juan Chama Diversion. He asked them to think about what it would be like today if they did not have that San Juan Chama Diversion water. He wants big picture thinking and hard and honest discussions instead of spending money on a reactive basis. He added they have the know-how and financial resources, but they are spending it all the wrong way on both the state and federal levels. He voiced some solutions that could help, including flooding Death Valley to create an inland sea, erosion control spent in the Great Lakes every year to create a series of aqueducts to the southwest, or every single city within 75 miles of an ocean desalinating so they do not have to send so much water down a river. He noted that it took big picture thinkers of their ancestors to get them where they are today.

Director Russo Baca

Director Russo Baca announced the Corrales Co-op Board meets tomorrow at the Corrales Senior Center from 5:30-6 p.m., and they were asked to bring materials about the conservation programs that MRGCD has.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - REPORT(S) FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR -**a. Bureau of Reclamation - John Irizarry-Nazario, Deputy Area Manager**

Not present at today's meeting.

See also Appendix IV.

b. Bureau of Indian Affairs - Patrick Taber, Acting Designated Engineer

Mr. Taber gave an update from the BIA. He expressed that so far with storage, they have released around 1,200-acre feet of P&P waters, and there was 100 CFS of that 300-acre feet coming through Otowi, which also included around 20 CFS of San Juan Chama water. He said their current P&P demand is around 273-acre feet, and they are continuing to work and make sure that water is being distributed. He shared there have been some low areas that have not been getting some of the irrigation water released, so they are tweaking the system to try to coordinate with various tribes that are impacted by that, but he felt that operationally they are progressing as expected.

Mr. Casuga looked forward to working with BIA on how to verify the water should be delivered to only P&P lands in such a way that no Pueblo is shorted, as well as how to bring public verification out on that.

Vice Chairman Baugh asked how they walk people through when they make a call for P&P waters and reporting they are getting pushed back and also on rotation and how the Bureau is addressing the hardest summer they have ever seen with water.

Mr. Taber answered it is a challenge and in some ways predicting stream flows is like predicting the weather and they have to be looking at what is happening on the ground and at the gages. They refer to their demand curve, where they use that threshold as their marker to release water and compensate when there is not enough flow.

Mr. Casuga added their demand curve is similar to the P&P lands and what Ms. Marken showed earlier.

Director Jiron explained they are always barely at the release point and never get to the point where they can ask for the P&P waters. He said when they are in P&P operations, they are rotating from the west side of the Pueblo to the east side, and a lot of non-native famers do not know that. He said they need to put out meetings to educate those people because they have the mentality the Pueblos are not using their water so they want to use it. He noted the Pueblos never had any discussions or were involved with the Compact, but they have all this water that goes back down and pays the Compact to Texas. He asked Mr. Taber how many times they asked for water and did not get it.

Mr. Taber did not know if he could answer that off the top of his head, but he believed there were about 3,600-acre feet of releases last year, and around 1,200-acre feet so far this year and will likely increase a little more than 200-acre feet a day right now.

Vice Chairman Baugh asked if they are in the worst year ever, is prior and paramount water not used at the end of the season.

Mr. Casuga stated as a District, they are not party to the 81 Agreement but it has been the standard for the last 30 years, and he did not feel they were in any position to change it apart from bringing people back together and having a conversation. He said he did not know if all the water would be used because there are triggers in that 81 Agreement that are mathematical. He expressed that Mr. Taber is bound by that agreement and if the mathematical triggers are hit, they will release water, and if it rains and those triggers are no longer hit, they will stop releasing. He added if there is any year the water will all get used or be close to getting all used, it probably will be this one.

Mr. Taber voiced with what is happening out in the Pacific, they could get airflow and could get a big stream that would change it to a completely different year, but it is unknown at this point and they just have to wait and see.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - REPORT(S) FROM THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES- Christine L. Nardi, MBA

a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires

Ms. Nardi introduced the new hires and changes in staff. They are welcoming back Alicia Lopez as the new Director of Technical Services and hired a new Information Systems Manager in the General Office, and ISO Supervisor and Field Coordinator promotions in the Socorro Division.

b. Employee Recognition

Mr. Nardi recognized Joshua Gamboa, MRGCD's Controller, for the MRGCD Performance Excellent Award for his leadership and execution in the reimplemention of the work order system.

Mr. Casuga thanked Mr. Gamboa for his herculean effort in this and expressed how difficult it was to deploy technology into an organization that has done something the same way for so long.

Chairman Kelly thanked Mr. Gamboa for all his hard work and dedication to the project.



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

- a. **Report on Urban Issues Committee Meeting review of the Cabezon Channel Easement Appraisal, June 8, 2026 - Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation, Amanda Molina, Director of Communications, Vice Chairman Baugh, Directors Dunning and Russo Baca**

This item was moved to be discussed in Executive Session.

- b. **Discussion on DRAFT Resolution Concerning Water Rights Acquisition Policy - Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation**

Mr. Ish explained they were advised to clarify through a resolution and policy what the District intends to do through Water Rights Acquisition, so they created a draft resolution and draft policy. He noted that Water Council is still reviewing that and they will be back in July with consideration and approval on it to line up with the new fiscal year and availability of those funds.

Chairman Kelly further explained the draft resolution contains a lot of recitals that set the case up for their need, ability, and interest in acquiring Pre-07 water rights, as well as a policy. He added they may want to look through the recitals and be sure they are consistent in the hierarchy of what is listed first, as that is viewed as the most important.

Director Dunning voiced this was an amazing resolution and was well done.

Vice Chairman Baugh asked if there was any more history on the genesis of why the District should look at acquiring water rights and how this helps give a more robust approach to protesting water rights.

Mr. Ish answered hydrology has played a role in the staff decision to make a budgetary request on behalf of the Board, because with less and less water available, the District needs to secure the most valuable asset they administer, as well as wanting to try and provide an off-ramp for private water rights for people who want to capitalize on the monetary value of those rights.

Mr. Casuga believed the historical water bank for the District could be problematic in the aridification future they have and how it was done, so developing a portfolio with a portion of it being pre-1907 water rights would give them more flexibility on how to operate the water bank in the future.

Director Dunning voiced concerns there are farmers who want to buy water rights and may be upset with having to compete with MRGCD over those.

Mr. Ish responded time will tell if that is going to be an issue. He said making those water rights available for Ag was one of the primary drivers behind this resolution and policy. He stated that while they may retain ownership of a water right, they also want some protection of potential elements. He added they could always come into an agreement to lease water out to a willing farmer for a certain amount of time.

Mr. Casuga expressed there is a group of people that want to see their water stay in the Middle Valley. He stated if it becomes a problem, they will address it because they do not want to be in competition with out-bidding farmers, but he did not feel they should be afraid to have a program to purchase water rights. He recommended they do it and then face the problem if it arises. However, their intention is to get this out there, and if they get a lot of public comment they do not anticipate, they could potentially leave it out longer at the will of the Board.

Chairman Kelly mentioned it is an outward facing resolution, so they will take plenty of time on it.

Vice Chairman Baugh asked if a water right is bought in the Middle Valley and has a successful transfer out of the Middle Valley, would any of the Compact requirements stay with that transfer.

Director Russo Baca explained that if water rights are transferred in and around the same basin and the Compact is affecting where it is transferred to, then yes, they still have to abide by the same Compact. But otherwise, that is not a requirement for the Compact to be looked at with any water right transfers.

Mr. Casuga added if they transfer a water right into the ground, the rules are a little bit different, as they are only transferring the consumptive. He believed there was a strategic pot they can get where they can show a higher benefit to constituents by providing water to allow their diversions to keep going. He expressed they are in the business of trying to keep farmers in business, so grabbing as much water as they can and keep it here where they can make decisions on if curtailments needs to happen are important, and maybe one day the District has the pot to say they do not need to curtail their famers because they have water rights they have not used left in the system.

Chairman Kelly asked about allowing their Capital Fund to be used to acquire water rights, as the water rights would be a long-term capital asset.

Mr. Casuga answered that was a relevant question and he and Ms. Fanelli talked about that. He said the question is if there were a certain amount they would allow for a longer period loan to purchase water rights with a payoff overtime, similar to the way they take out loans to buy equipment. He added it is a capital asset in their minds, but they can get an opinion on that. Ms. Fanelli agreed.

Director Russo Baca expressed that would be very interesting, as they are a public entity and if these water rights are brokered, the information on how the water rights are bought and sold will become public, and that is something the State of New Mexico does not have, which could really change how water rights are seen in the Middle Valley.

Chairman Kelly noted the policy stated the Board will approve each of the acquisitions and the entire contract would be public record.

Vice Chairman Baugh shared that is something that has to be amplified and maybe celebrated, as it would give more transparency.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 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

Director Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION M-06-08-26-227**. Seconded by Director Dunning. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

b. Consideration/Approval of Resolution M-06-08-26-238 Adopting the 2028-2032 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) - Rebecca Thompson, Jr. Accountant

Ms. Thompson presented the resolution to adopt their Fiscal Year 2028-2032 ICIP. She explained that the ICIP is reviewed and updated every year, and it reflects their current priorities and infrastructures they need to fix or maintain, as well as the 5-year forecast. She stated that if passed, they will submit it to the state by July 1st, and priorities do not need to change until November 1st. She noted they must have the ICIP Plan in place before being eligible for any future grants or capital outlay requests.

Mr. Casuga asked Ms. Thompson to re-explain the rules that changed House Bill 247, as there has been some controversy around that.

Ms. Thompson explained House Bill 247 states that each entity must request their own capital outlay money and have their own ICIP. She said she has been going to a couple of acequia association meetings to ensure they are in contact with DFA and getting an entity and ICIP in place. She stated they were also informed MRGCD will be their fiscal agent as long as they request the funding on their behalf.

Director Russo Baca shared she talked to the Acequia Association and they were very thankful, understood, and are working on the ICIP process.

Director Dunning inquired if they ask constituents if they agree with our priorities when they have public meetings to get public comment on their ICIP.

Mr. Casuga answered not really, as they have a system designed for a very specific purpose and have a lot of deficiencies in that system they inherited. He was not against that approach, but the reality is they are always going to shift to the thing that breaks no matter what has been chosen.

Director Dunning asked how they come up with the top priorities, as she saw some things further down on the list they need to be committed to doing.

Mr. Casuga said the list for priorities does not need to be updated until November, so they started by just taking the list and getting things on it that are important. He asked Ms. Thompson to hold off on his meeting with her on that until they hired the new Director of Technical Services, as it would be important to include them on the reprioritization process. He mentioned some things move up or down based on the success of getting funding as well.

Chairman Kelly added they also stuffed the list full of everything in their 5-year plan, as they cannot even talk about it up at Santa Fe unless it is on there.

Ms. Fanelli expressed they typically put 1 through 5 for capital outlay on things they think will be funded through capital outlay.

Vice Chairman Baugh asked if there are any amendments allowed to be changed in the new law if something occurs, they need to do or is hard lock in on the 5-year plan.

Ms. Fanelli added their ICIP Plan is created once a year, so they have the opportunity to reprioritize based on their needs.

Director Dunning asked if MRGCD charges administrative fees as the fiscal agent.

Mr. Casuga stated that as CEO, he would not recommend they do that.

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION M-06-08-26-238, THE 2028-2032 ICIP PLAN**. Seconded by Director Russo Baca. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 - REPORT(S) FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER/CEO— Jason M. Casuga, PE

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

Mr. Casuga reported the tone on the Colorado is mixed at this point in time and nobody loves what is going on. He said BOR discussed their preferred alternative they are carrying forward in an EIS, but he felt they should wait until the State Engineer attends their next board meeting to give their opinion on that. He expressed that he does not love it, but does not hate it either, as there are worse things that could happen. He heard a presentation from people in Utah around interesting conservation programs, as a lot of things MRGCD has been creatively doing, they have codified into state law and brought state funding directly. He wants to set up a meeting with that presenter, along with Mr. Ish, to talk about those things. He expects they will have an interesting CRWUA.

b. Report on MRGCD's Sandoval County Community & Farmers Informational Meeting, May 28, 2026 - Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO, Chairman Kelly, Vice Chairman Baugh, Director Dunning, Sandoval, Lopez and Russo Baca

Mr. Casuga stated the meeting was dominated by Corrales discussion since they had the meeting in Corrales, and they answered questions about the siphon and community engagement. He felt they would have more tangible materials at the next round of farmer's meetings, like maybe a letter listing the priorities of the District to pass out ahead of time.

Mr. Casuga wondered if they should deliver a letter to the State Engineer's Office saying they had their farmers' meeting and give the questions that came up, how constituents are feeling, and asking for support directly. He felt that should be signed by the entire Board.

c. Report on MRGCD's Bernalillo County Community & Farmers Informational Meeting, June 4, 2026 - Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO, Chairman Kelly, Vice Chairman Baugh, Directors Dunning, Sandoval, Lopez and Russo Baca

Mr. Casuga gave the report on the Bernalillo County Community & Farmers Informational Meeting. He said he will draft a letter to the representative that attended to thank him for his participation and the task force he is setting up. He felt they need to create some official documentation saying they are not an entity that can choose to not comply with the law. He asked the Board if they were comfortable with him sending that letter or if they would like it to come from someone else.

Chairman Kelly felt it would be appropriate for the Chairman to sign that letter.

Director Lopez voiced there was a lot of concern about the county accessor wanting to change tax rates, on top of a lot of them are choosing not to plant because they are not sure if they are going to get water.

Mr. Casuga stated that is true, and he worked in conjunction with their lobbyists, partner, and Representative Cates to bring about some sort of protections to provide protection during drought, but that has not made it out of committee the last two years. He admitted he was at a loss on what MRGCD could do to affect that. He stated there was not an explicit part saying you can or cannot, so there seems to be some gray area and potential flexibility for an official to make some action, justify it, and not be strictly legal. He asked Mr. John Thompson to remind them why that law did not make it out of committee.

Mr. Thompson explained there were two iterations of the bill introduced in subsequent years, and it is a difficult bill to draft. However, he felt they would be having a larger conversation on it during the interim. He stated it may not directly correlate to what is going on in Corrales, but it is a conversation needed in the Texas v. New Mexico context.

Director Dunning shared that Representative Cates pointed out to Sandoval County that they elect their county assessor and they have the power. She asked if there was any change in the election results.

Ms. Wiggins shared that Lawrence Griego won the primary as a Republican for the Sandoval County Assessors position, and he will face Linda Gallegos.

Chairman Kelly said he would like to have Ms. Strange to show some pictures of what she is doing with the salt cedar and the water yield increase from getting rid of the square mile of salt cedar at one of the meetings.

Mr. Casuga responded she is already on the docket to do something like that.

d. Report on 6-Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Coalition Meeting, June 5, 2026 - Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO and Director Russo Baca

Mr. Casuga attended the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Coalition Meeting, and they informed him they were taking their name off the agenda of wanting to do a presentation or comment at the MRGCD Board meeting. He presented on their P&P OPS, their commitment to make sure the Pueblos are getting the water and guiding it through at the direction of BIA. He also announced to them that Mr. Zamora retired and that Alicia Lopez would be coming back. He stated they were given the hydrology update that BIA and BOR gave, there were more questions from the Coalition related to BOR and decisions to bypasses going on when water was being stored. The State of New Mexico also announced to the Coalition they are looking to get a water master for the Middle Valley, which prompted an interesting conversation about what the water master will do. He said as for MRGCD, they are the water master for surface water in the Middle Valley, so they would have questions if there was any competition for who the surface water master would be within the Middle Valley.

e. Information on Upcoming Events:

- 1. MRGCD's Community and Farmers Informational Meetings, 9:00 am to 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, Pueblos 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**

Mr. Casuga discussed the upcoming events. He added that Sandia announced an invitation at the Coalition Meeting, which included MRGCD, to their feast day this Saturday.

Chairman Kelly noted there was an invitation from Isleta Pueblo for the Environmental Fair as well.

Ms. Strange added they are requesting that either board members or staff attend. She said it is on Saturday, July 25th, and it is an Environmental Education Fair, that will include a blood drive and door prizes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 - REPORT(S) FROM THE MRGCD ATTORNEY(S) - Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel

Mr. Kaleb Brooks, Water Counsel, reported that the Water Quality Control Commission proceeding started today, and MRGCD entered their appearance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 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 Vaquez's Agriculture Advisory Group Meeting, June 2, 2026 - Director Russo Baca

Director Russo Baca announced the New World Screwworm is in New Mexico, which can be a huge issue for livestock and they can expect the price of meat to go up.

There were written reports provided for each report.

See also Appendix V.

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPORTS FROM THE BOARD**. Seconded by Director Lopez. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Director Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:47 pm**. Seconded by Director Dunning. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 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

Director Sandoval made the **MOTION TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION at 6:25 pm**. Seconded by Director Russo Baca. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

Chairman Kelly
Director Dunning
Director Lopez

Yes
Yes
Yes

Vice Chairman Baugh
Director Russo Baca
Director Sandoval

Yes
Yes
Yes

Chairman Kelly noted Director Jiron left during Executive Session.

With no further comments, questions, or concerns, Chairman Kelly adjourned the meeting at 6:26 pm.

Approved to be the correct Minutes of the Board of Directors of June 8, 2026.

ATTESTED:

Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

John P. Kelly, Chairman
MRGCD Board of Directors

Water Supply Update

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Board of Directors Meeting

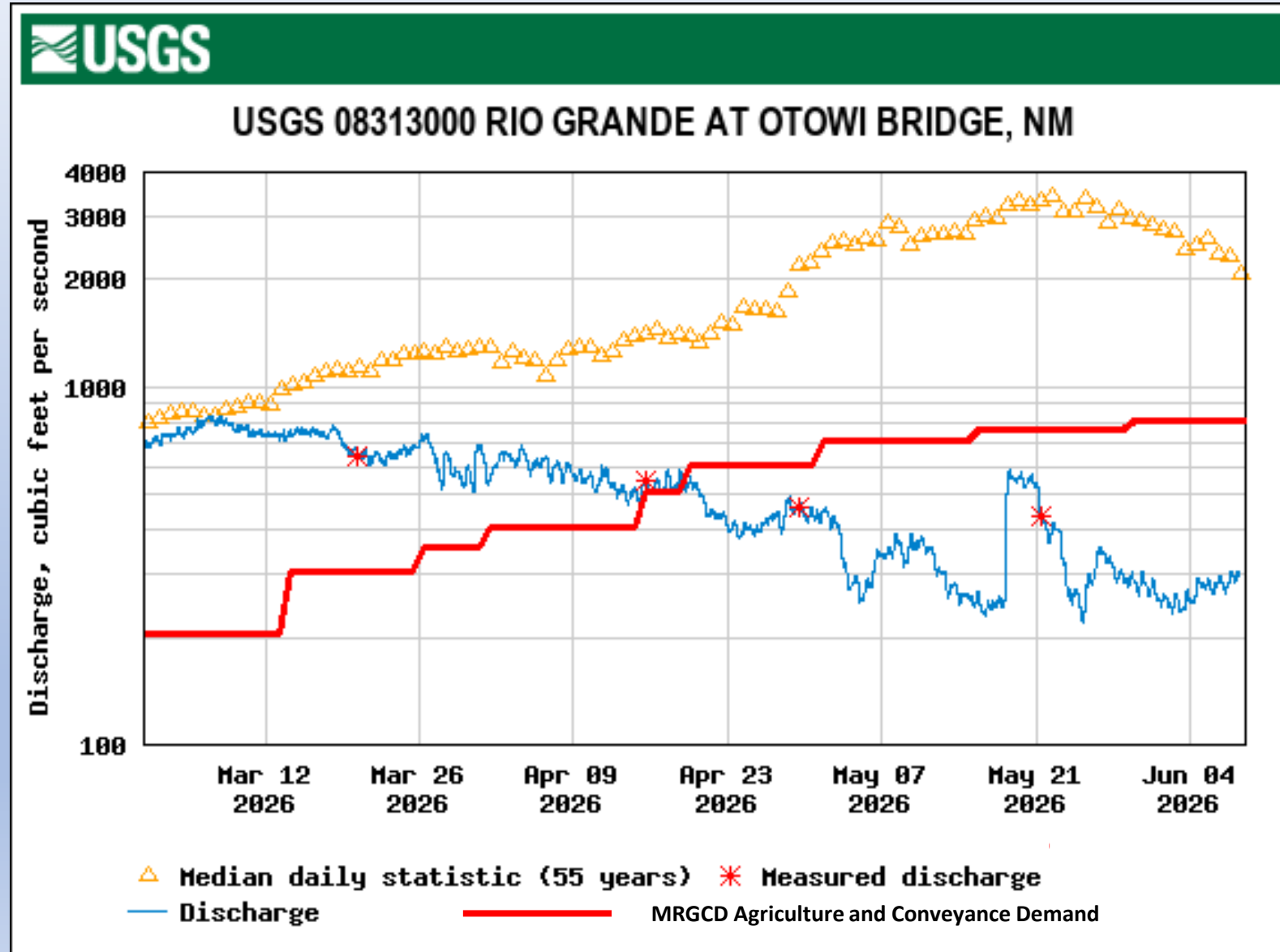
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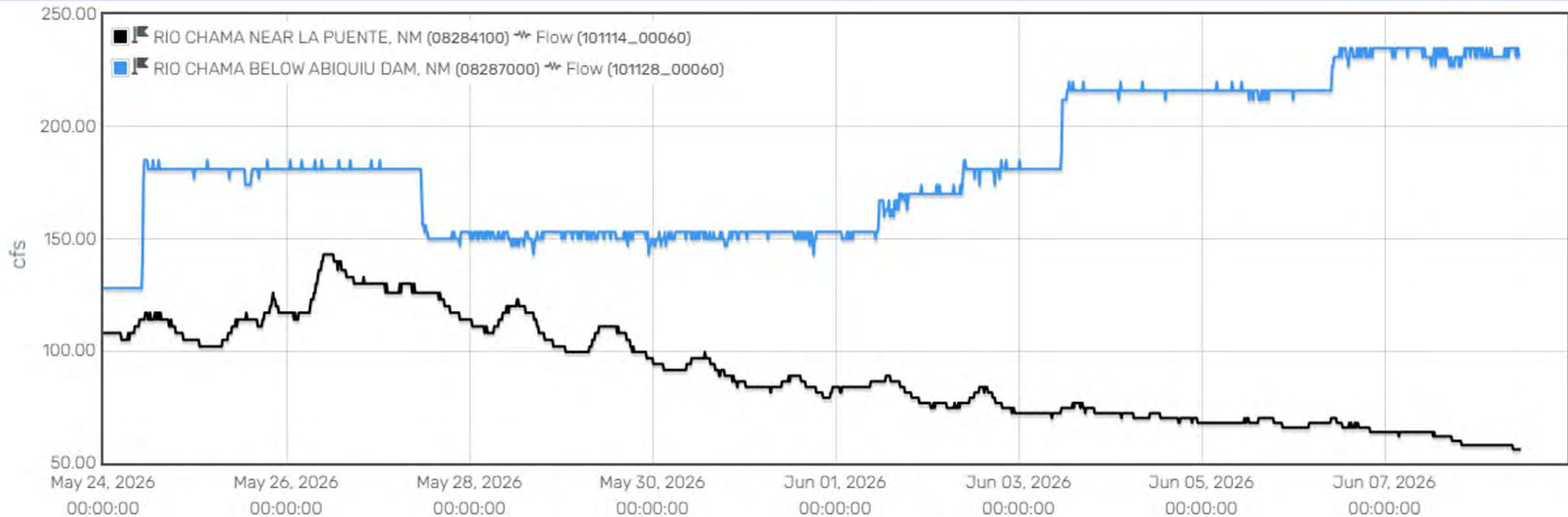




USGS Rio Grande at Otowi Gage



Rio Chama Flows: La Puente and Below Abiquiu



Rio Grande at Alameda Bridge (Looking North)



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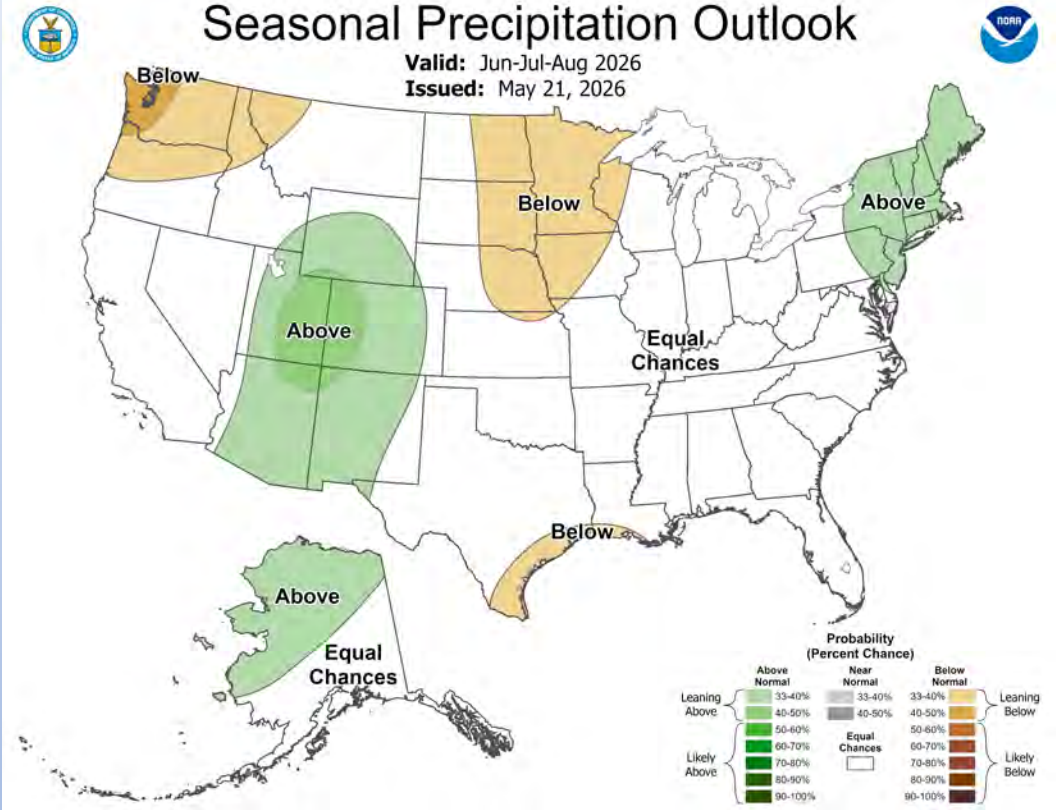
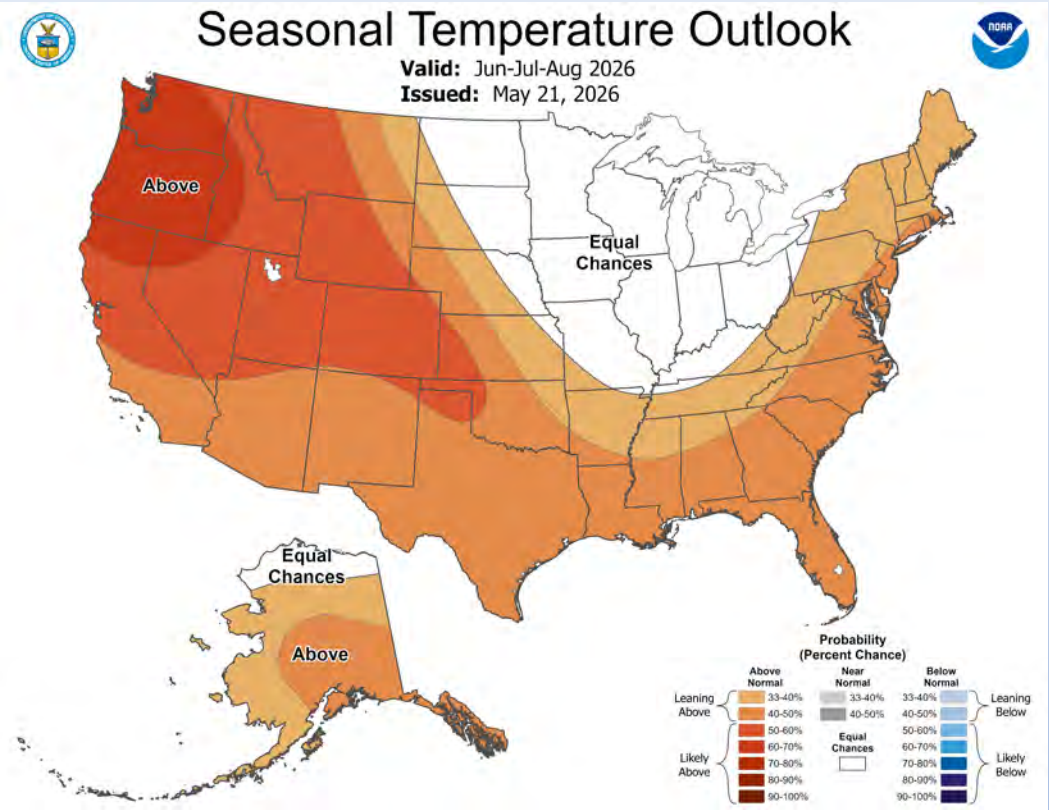


7-Day NWS Forecast

 Location	Maximum Temperature							Probability of Precipitation						
	Mon 06/08	Tue 06/09	Wed 06/10	Thu 06/11	Fri 06/12	Sat 06/13	Sun 06/14	Mon 06/08	Tue 06/09	Wed 06/10	Thu 06/11	Fri 06/12	Sat 06/13	Sun 06/14
Albuquerque	94	94	96	98	96	95	94	10	10	0	0	0	0	10
Santa Fe	90	90	91	93	91	91	88	10	20	0	0	0	0	20
Farmington	93	94	93	93	95	94	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gallup	87	89	90	91	90	89	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants	88	89	91	92	90	89	89	20	10	0	0	0	0	10
Clayton	95	93	98	91	91	91	80	0	20	0	0	10	20	30
Raton	90	89	94	90	90	89	80	0	30	0	0	0	20	50
Las Vegas	88	87	90	89	88	88	82	0	20	0	0	20	20	40
Moriarty	91	91	93	94	93	92	89	0	10	0	0	0	0	20
Tucumcari	100	98	102	99	96	96	87	0	30	0	20	20	20	30
Clovis	99	95	100	99	95	97	91	0	20	0	0	20	20	40
Roswell	100	98	104	103	99	100	96	0	0	0	0	10	20	40
Socorro	97	98	100	101	98	98	97	0	0	0	0	10	20	10
Chama	81	80	82	85	85	84	82	20	40	0	0	0	10	20
Taos	86	85	88	91	89	88	85	10	20	0	0	0	10	30
Angel Fire	79	78	80	83	82	80	76	0	40	0	0	0	10	50
Los Alamos	85	85	87	89	87	86	84	30	30	0	0	0	10	20
Ruidoso	85	85	88	89	85	87	85	0	20	0	0	30	30	40
Quemado	86	87	89	89	88	87	86	20	10	0	0	0	10	10

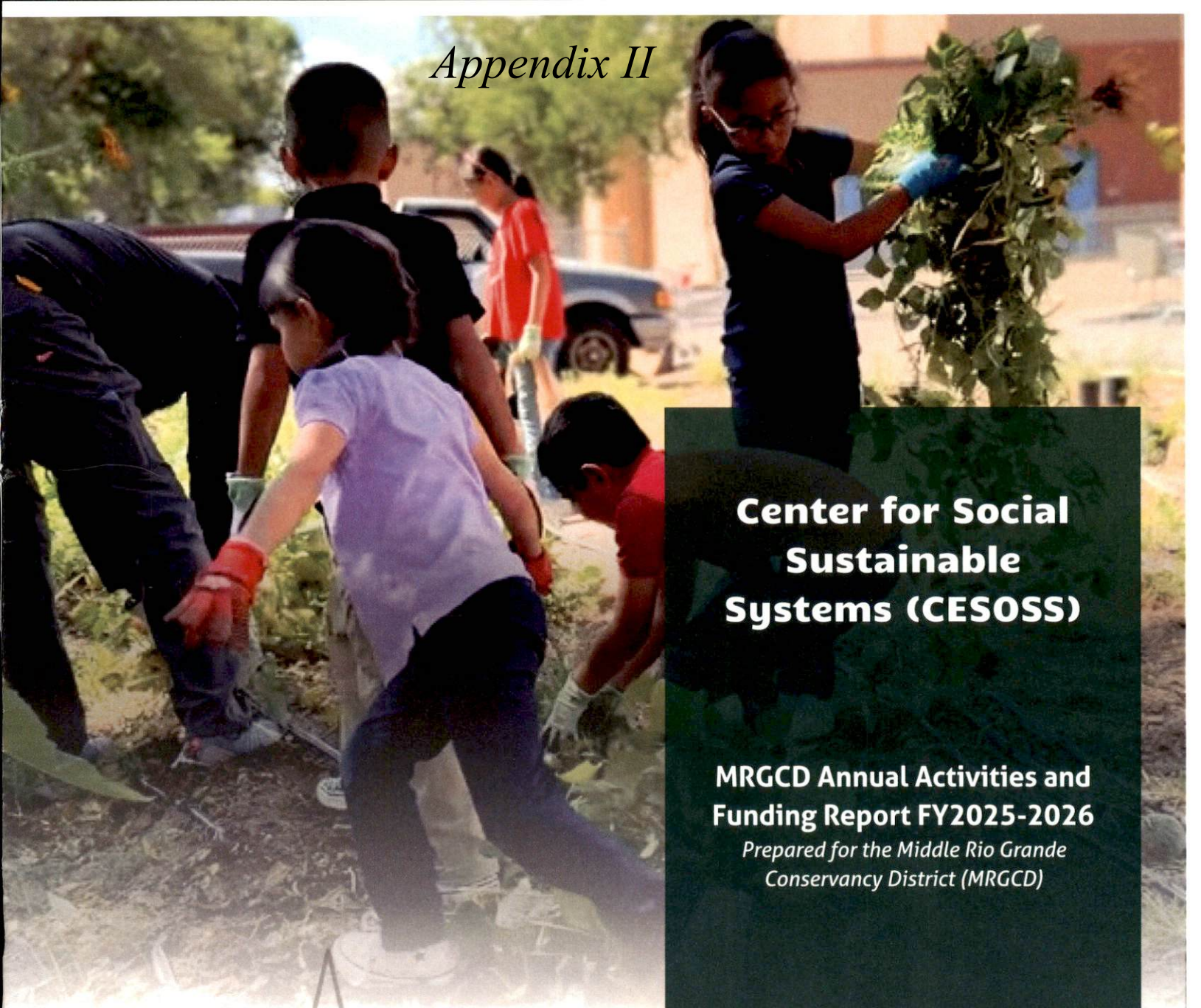


NWS Seasonal Outlook



Questions?





Center for Social Sustainable Systems (CESOSS)

MRGCD Annual Activities and Funding Report FY2025-2026

*Prepared for the Middle Rio Grande
Conservancy District (MRGCD)*

REPORTING PERIOD:
JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026

Prepared by Jorge Garcia, Director
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Executive Summary

This report summarizes activities completed by CESOSS under the Memorandum of Agreement with the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District. During FY2025–2026, CESOSS advanced public education, acequia preservation, agricultural stewardship, youth engagement, and water conservation awareness throughout the Middle Rio Grande Valley. A major accomplishment during the reporting period was the establishment of the Acequia Education and Agricultural Site, a permanent educational asset designed to complement the MRGCD Outdoor Classroom and support long-term acequia education.

MRGCD MOA Accomplishments

CESOSS implemented community outreach, workshops, educational events, youth programs, community celebrations, and partnership activities consistent with the objectives identified in Exhibit A of the Memorandum of Agreement. Activities supported public education, agricultural preservation, water stewardship, youth engagement, and acequia conservation.

Featured Accomplishment: Acequia Education and Agricultural Site

The establishment of the Acequia Education and Agricultural Site represents one of the most significant accomplishments completed during the reporting period. Located in partnership with Valle Vista Elementary School and operating in coordination with the MRGCD Outdoor Classroom, the site functions as a living laboratory where students, families, educators, and community members engage directly with acequia traditions, agriculture, water stewardship, food systems, and environmental education.

During 2025 and 2026, CESOSS completed site preparation, planting activities, harvesting events, irrigation demonstrations, cover crop development, outdoor learning activities, and family engagement programs. The site provides a permanent location for hands-on education and serves as a foundation for long-term acequia education.



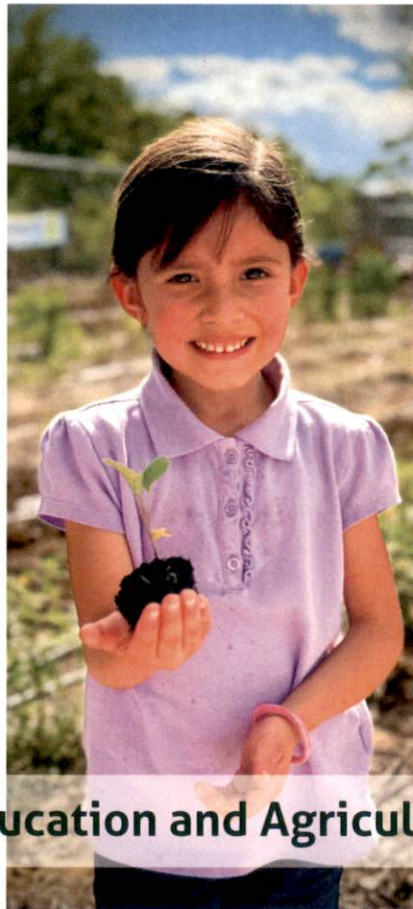


Building a Long-Term Educational Ecosystem

The Acequia Education and Agricultural Site is part of the broader Ciclos de la Tierra initiative. CESOSS envisions the site as a regional educational hub connecting schools, families, acequia associations, community organizations, and public agencies.

- Future programming will include:
- Curriculum development aligned with New Mexico educational standards.
- Outdoor learning and STEM activities.
- Family engagement and bilingual educational materials.
- Youth leadership development.
- Seasonal agricultural and acequia ceremonies.
- Community stewardship activities.
- Expanded use of the MRGCD Outdoor Classroom.

The long-term goal is to establish an educational ecosystem that preserves and transmits acequia knowledge across generations while strengthening community resilience and environmental stewardship.



Acequia Education and Agricultural Site

Acequia Education and Agricultural Site cont'd



Acequia Walk & Talks

CESOSS coordinated educational Acequia Walk & Talks throughout the Middle Rio Grande Valley. These activities connected community members with local acequias and provided opportunities to learn about water systems, acequia history, agricultural traditions, and stewardship responsibilities.



Primera Agua Cultural Celebration

CESOSS coordinated the 6th annual Primera Agua celebration at the Atrisco Acequia Madre. The event brought together community members, educators, acequia leaders, public agencies, and families to celebrate the beginning of the agricultural season and strengthen connections to land and water traditions. See [Primera Agua - Report](#)





Community Impact

During the reporting period, CESOSS:

- Conducted approximately 24 educational and community-based activities.
- Approximately 2,027 participants reached.
- Engaged youth, families, educators, acequia leaders, and community partners.
- Expanded place-based education opportunities.
- Increased awareness of acequia traditions and water stewardship.
- Strengthened partnerships supporting agricultural preservation and community resilience.

Partnerships and Collaboration

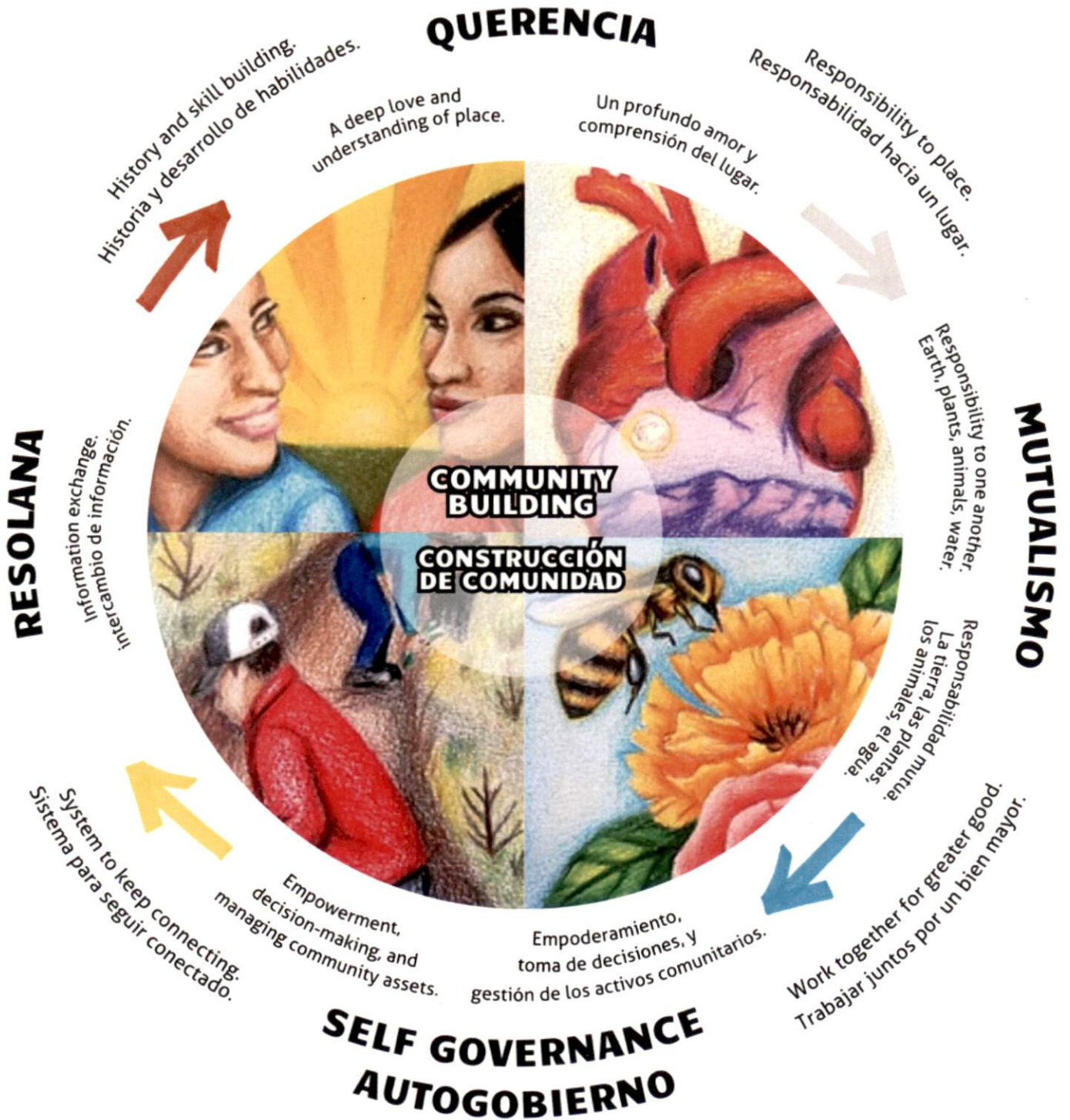
CESOSS collaborated with MRGCD, Bernalillo County, Valle Vista Elementary School, acequia associations, community organizations, educators, and volunteers. These partnerships strengthened community outreach and expanded educational opportunities throughout the region.

Plan of Action FY2026 - 2027

CESOSS will continue to build upon the Acequia Education and Agricultural Site and strengthen its partnership with MRGCD through:

- Expanded outdoor learning opportunities.
- Additional curriculum development.
- Increased use of the MRGCD Outdoor Classroom.
- Youth leadership programming.
- Family engagement activities.
- Acequia stewardship and conservation projects.
- Community workshops and educational events.
- Expansion of the Ciclos de la Tierra educational ecosystem.

These efforts will help establish a sustainable, community-based model for acequia education and long-term stewardship of land and water resources in the Middle Rio Grande Valley.



Appendix III



Protect Los Padillas Water

This handout explains why community members are protesting Application No. SD-03108 into RG-10260 et al.-T, which seeks to move surface water now used at Southern Manor Estates in Bernalillo County to three groundwater wells in Valencia County.

The application proposes to discontinue 134.40 acre-feet per year of surface water, including 94.08 acre-feet of consumptive irrigation requirement, from the Indian Lateral at the Angostura Diversion and use that water through wells RG-10260 POD3, RG-82157, and RG-93792 for irrigation on roughly 837.8 to 893 acres near Belen.

Why neighbors are protesting

- **We do not have water to spare.** This season there is little or no real water available locally, so the transfer would convert dry local surface water into groundwater pumping somewhere else.
- **It takes water away from Los Padillas and the South Valley.** The move-from water comes from Southern Manor Estates on the Indian Lateral in Bernalillo County, while the move-to use is on Mesa Verde land in Valencia County.
- **It can harm acequias and domestic wells.** The protest states that surface water and groundwater are connected in the Middle Rio Grande, so pumping these wells can reduce river and ditch flows over time and lower nearby groundwater levels.
- **It is poor conservation.** The protest argues that the transfer would support a large pecan orchard, a high-water-use crop, instead of protecting local agricultural and community uses.
- **The application lacks proof.** The protest states that no hydrologic modeling, depletion schedule, or clear monitoring plan has been provided to show the change will not impair existing rights.
- **It threatens acequia culture.** The generic protest explains that moving water out of the area weakens local agriculture, acequia traditions, and long-term community stability.

Rio Grande concern

Because the Middle Rio Grande system is hydrologically connected, additional groundwater pumping can eventually reduce connected river flows rather than protect them. Community members are also concerned that shifting local surface water into more pumping adds pressure to a river system already under heavy legal and management strain.

What you can do

Written protests must be filed with the Office of the State Engineer by **Friday, July 10, 2026**. The filing address is **5550 San Antonio Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109**, and protests may be faxed to **505-383-4030** if the hard copy is mailed or delivered within 24 hours.

For questions or help understanding the protest, contact **Commissionado, Los Padillas Acequia** dannyull82@yahoo.com

Reservoir Storage Status

Jun 2, 2026 data



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RECLAMATION

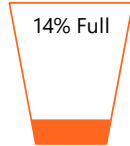
Heron

**Active
Conservation**



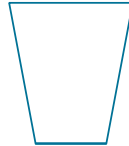
401,000 acre-ft

**Current
Content**



54,213 acre-ft

MRGCD



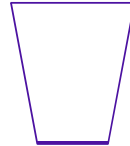
3,611 acre-ft

ABCWUA



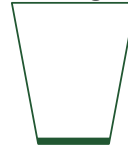
30,286 acre-ft

**Other SJC
Contractors**



6,234 acre-ft

**Project
Storage**



13,367 acre-ft

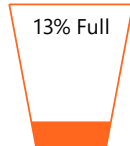
El Vado

**Restricted
Conservation***



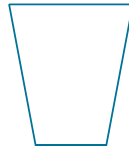
184,343 acre-ft

**Current
Content**



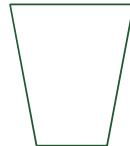
24,393 acre-ft

**MRGCD SJC
& EDW**



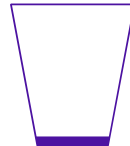
1,585 acre-ft

**Rio Grande
& USBR EDW**



61 acre-ft

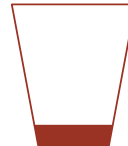
**Other SJC
Contractors**



8,884 acre-ft

Combined**

**Prior &
Paramount**



25,948 acre-ft

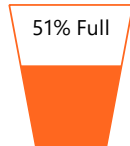
Abiquiu

**Active
Conservation**



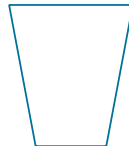
229,199 acre-ft

**Current
Content**



116,071 acre-ft

MRGCD SJC



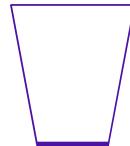
0 acre-ft

ABCWUA



92,898 acre-ft

**Other SJC
Contractors**



5,410 acre-ft

USBR



0 acre-ft

Cochiti

**Current
Content**



42,553 acre-ft

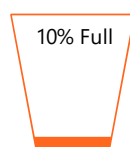
Elephant Butte and Caballo

**Active
Conservation*****



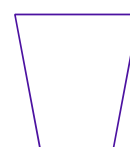
2,249,520 acre-ft

**Combined
Current Content**



230,315 acre-ft

SJC Content****



3,795 acre-ft



* 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 (6-3-2026)

1. Heron Summary

Content:	5,421	ac-ft	(6/3/2026)
Azotea Tunnel:	130	cfs	
Total SJ-C Inflow (2026):	30,763	ac-ft	
Currently Releasing:	0	cfs	
Current MRGCD Storage:	3,611	ac-ft	

2. El Vado Summary

Content:	24,393	ac-ft	(6/3/2026)
Rio Grande Storage:	13,924	ac-ft	
MRGCD SJ-C Storage:	1,585	ac-ft	
P&P:	13,863	ac-ft	
Other SJ-C Contractors:	8,884	ac-ft	
Current Release:	100	cfs	RG Inflow: 75-200 cfs

3. Abiquiu Summary

Content:	116,071	ac-ft	(6/3/2026)
MRGCD SJ-C Storage:	0	ac-ft	
P&P:	12,085	ac-ft	

Total Supplemental Water Released (2026): 2,415 ac-ft

Precipitation to date for Water Year 2026 to 6/3 (% Median; NRCS SNOTEL)

Rio Chama Basin.....	71%
Upper Rio Grande Basin.....	85%
Sangre de Cristo Basin.....	61%
Jemez Basin.....	64%
San Juan River Basin.....	92%

- The final call for P&P storage is 40,379 ac-ft. Storage peaked at 27,029 ac-ft on May 12. The first release from P&P storage was May 23, though rainfall on May 25–26 temporarily paused the release. By June 1, 322 ac-ft had been released. The second release from P&P storage began June 2, and is currently for up to about 90 cfs.

- The FWS requested Reclamation use remaining supplemental water for a pulse flow through the Albuquerque reach to trigger a minnow spawn for egg collection May 15–22. Roughly 12,000 eggs were collected and transferred to hatcheries. Significant interagency coordination involved ABCWUA, Reclamation, and MRGCD.

- Drying expanded significantly across multiple reaches throughout the month. In the San Acacia reach drying began March 27 and is currently ~41 river miles with 40.2 river miles dry between Socorro and San Marcial with an additional 0.86 miles dry near Ft. Craig. In the Isleta reach there are 11.6 river miles dry near Peralta and 4.1 river miles dry near Abeytas. The Albuquerque reach has 4.2 river miles dry, which first separated May 15, briefly reconnected May 26, then separated again May 29, approximately two months earlier than in 2025.

Appendix V

Director Russo Baca Board Reports June 2026

Report on Farmers for Future Farmers Meeting, May 12, 2026

Attended the Farmers for Future Farmers meeting. Discussions focused on supporting the next generation of agricultural producers and opportunities to strengthen agricultural viability throughout the Middle Rio Grande Valley. Participants discussed irrigation infrastructure issues, as well as other topics such as cloud seeding. The meeting provided valuable insight into the challenges and priorities of agricultural producers and underscored MRGCD's role in sustaining agriculture in the region. Director Russo Baca gave a brief update on the 2026 irrigation season, water supply conditions, infrastructure operations, and ongoing District activities.

Report on the NM Water Dialogue's 31st Annual Meeting, May 14, 2026

Attended the New Mexico Water Dialogue's 31st Annual Meeting. The meeting theme, *Persistent Themes and a Unified Direction*, focused on common water concerns shared across New Mexico and the need for collaborative approaches to regional and statewide water planning. Presentations addressed regional water planning efforts, groundwater management, and long-term water sustainability challenges facing the state. Discussions highlighted the importance of balancing agricultural, municipal, environmental, and tribal water interests while strengthening collaborative decision-making processes.

Report on the Law of the Colorado River, May 18-19, 2026

Attended the 26th Annual Law of the Colorado River Conference, themed *Uncharted Waters: The Next Era of River Management*. The conference brought together attorneys, water managers, policymakers, tribal representatives, and other stakeholders to discuss ongoing Colorado River Basin negotiations, interstate water management, tribal water rights, drought response strategies, and evolving legal and policy frameworks affecting western water resources. Discussions underscored the significance of basin-wide collaboration and the implications of Colorado River management decisions for New Mexico and other basin states.

Report on Valencia County Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting, May 21, 2026

Participated in the Valencia County Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting. Provided the MRGCD partner report, including an update on the 2026 irrigation season, water supply conditions, infrastructure operations, and ongoing District activities. The report included discussion of current river and reservoir conditions, irrigation deliveries, community outreach efforts, and coordination with agricultural producers and agency partners throughout the Middle Rio Grande Valley.

Report on the Rio Grande Basin Study Agriculture Committee Meeting, May 22, 2026

Attended the Rio Grande Basin Study Agriculture Committee meeting. Anne Marken led the committee, and committee members continued discussions regarding agricultural water use, irrigation efficiency, drought resilience, and long-term planning efforts associated with the Rio Grande Basin Study. The meeting provided an opportunity to share agricultural perspectives and review strategies intended to improve water management while maintaining the economic and cultural importance of agriculture within the basin.

Report on MRGCD's Sandoval County Community & Farmers Informational Meeting, May 28, 2026

Attended MRGCD's Sandoval County Community and Farmers Informational Meeting. District staff provided updates regarding the 2026 irrigation season, infrastructure maintenance and rehabilitation activities, water operations, and ongoing District programs. Community members and agricultural producers discussed water deliveries, ditch maintenance, operational concerns, and opportunities for continued communication between the District and constituents. On-farm efficiency programs and the Corrales Siphon were two highlights.

Report on Congressman Vasquez's Agriculture Advisory Group Meeting, June 2, 2026

Participated in Congressman Gabe Vasquez's Agriculture Advisory Group meeting. Discussion topics included federal agricultural policy, the Farm Bill, water management challenges, conservation programs, infrastructure investments, and issues affecting New Mexico producers. Participants shared concerns regarding drought conditions, agricultural sustainability, and opportunities for collaboration among local, state, and federal partners to support rural communities and working lands. Director Russo Baca voiced MRGCD's concerns about how the USDA and the farm bill could be more supportive of Conservancy Districts.

Report on MRGCD's Bernalillo County Community & Farmers Informational Meeting

Attended MRGCD's Bernalillo County Community and Farmers Informational Meeting. Staff presented updates on District operations, water deliveries, infrastructure projects, and current conditions during the irrigation season. Irrigators and community members provided feedback and raised questions regarding operations, maintenance priorities, and water management. The meeting served as an important forum for constituent engagement and information sharing.

Report on the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Coalition Meeting, June 5, 2026

Tribal Representatives discussed issues related to P&P operations and the storage of P&P water. The meeting provided an opportunity to strengthen relationships and continue dialogue regarding shared water management challenges and opportunities within the Middle Rio Grande region.



MEMORANDUM

To: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer
 Thru: Casey Ish, Director of Lands and Conservation
 From: Michael Padilla, Right-of-Way Manager
 Date: July 7, 2026

Re: Consideration/Approval of Fee Schedule (Pump Out Fees and Penalty) **Resolution No. M-09-08-25-228**

Summary: *Consideration to Amend and Update License and Application Fees and Services, the Pump-Out Fee and Penalty during Irrigation Supply Shortages, Prior and Paramount Operations, and Drought Conditions.*

In developing a tougher penalty for pumping without a Special Use License or obtaining approval from the MRGCD, the Right-of-Way Department is recommending an amendment to the fee schedule for Pump-Out (Temporary) to escalate the cost of fees and penalties for a price per 1,000 gallons, based on the availability of water supplies, along with a penalty per day of pumping.

The current fee schedule is structured as shown in the table attached. Application Fee \$100.00, Base Line Processing Fee \$500.00, Unauthorized Use \$100 per day

- Under normal water supply conditions, which the Water Distribution would consider (On-Demand), the recommendation is to increase our rates from \$2.50/1,000 gallons to a new rate of \$10/1,000 gallons with a new \$500/day penalty.
- Under a rotational period, the rate will be escalated to \$25.00/1,000 gallons and a \$750/day penalty.
- Under prior and paramount (P&P), the rate will be escalated to \$50/1,000 gallons with a \$1,000/day penalty.

*** Administration costs would stay the same for all three scenarios*.**

Under Resolution No. M-09-08-25-228, Paragraph 2. All license and application fees shall be reviewed periodically by the Director of Lands and Conservation, who shall recommend to the Chief Executive Officer/Chief Engineer revisions as needed to maintain consistency with District policy, ensure cost recovery, and protect the integrity of District facilities.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Approved by Jason M. Casuga, PE
 Chief Engineer/CEO

License Fee Schedule as of September 8, 2025							
Fee Schedule	Application Fee	Base License Fee	Unauthorized Use	Linear Foot Fee	License Fee Term	Associated Water Fee	Notes
MRGCD Utility License (Lateral)	\$ 100.00	\$3,000 (0-50')	\$750 / 30 Days from Notice	\$60/Ft over 50'	50 Year	\$ -	COI Req.
MRGCD Utility License (Main Canal or Drain)	\$ 100.00	\$4,500 (0-50')	\$750 / 30 Days from Notice	\$90/Ft over 50'	50 Year	\$ -	COI Req.
License Amendment	\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -		Same Original License Type	\$ -	
Culvert Crossing (Public)	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$750 / 30 Days from Notice	\$ -	50 Year	\$ -	COI Req.
Culvert Crossing (Private)	\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00	\$25 / 30 Days from Notice	\$ -	50 Year	\$ -	COI Req.
Special Use License	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	\$ -	Varies per Project	\$ -	COI Req.
Pumping Out (Temporary)	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	\$ -	Varies per Project	\$2.50/1000 Gallons	COI Req.
Pumping Out (During Irrigation Supply Shortages)	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$500 / Per Day of Violation		Varies per Project	\$10.00/1000 Gallons	COI Req.
Pumping Out (During Prior & Paramount Operations)	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$750 / Per Day of Violation		Varies per Project	\$25.00/1000 Gallons	COI Req.
Pumping Out (During Drought Conditions)	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$1000 / Per Day of Violation		Varies per Project	\$50.00/1000 Gallons	COI Req.
Pumping (Dewatering/Discharge)	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	\$ -	Varies per Project	\$1.00/AF Discharge	COI Req.
Commercial Filming/Staging	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	\$ -	Per Day of Activity	\$ -	COI Req.
Commercial Photography	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	\$ -	Annual (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)		COI Req.
Commercial Boating	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	\$ -	Annual (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)	\$ -	COI Req.
Amateur Filming	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	\$ -	Per Filming Project	\$ -	COI Req.
Research Activities	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	\$ -	Varies per Activity	\$ -	
Special Events	\$ 100.00	Negotiated	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	\$ -	Varies per Event	\$ -	COI Req.
New Turnout Application	\$ 50.00	Varies by Materials + Insta.	\$ -	\$ -	Lifetime Warranty	\$ -	unchanged
Upgrade / Relocation / Repair Turnout Application	\$ 50.00	Covered by MRGCD			Lifetime Warranty		unchanged
Bosque Access Key	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Annual (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)	\$ -	COI Req.
Encroachment (Minor)	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	Varies per Encroachment	\$ -	
Land Sale Application Fee	\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	n/a	\$ -	

* MRGCD reserves the right to waive or modify license and application fees for projects and or license requests of mutual benefit, and or public safety.

* Updated Pumping Out fee on July 13, 2026*

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

UPDATING LICENSE AND APPLICATION FEES & SERVICES

Resolution No. M-09-08-25-228

WHEREAS, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District ("MRGCD" or "District") has the statutory authority to levy assessments, impose charges, and collect fees necessary to support its flood control, irrigation, drainage, reclamation, and related purposes pursuant to NMSA 1978, Sections 73-14-3, 73-14-4, 73-14-13, and 73-14-48;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution M-06-27-16-144 on July 11, 2016, establishing a schedule of licenses and application fees for the use of District facilities and right-of-way, with the purpose of preserving the integrity and public safety of MRGCD infrastructure, ensuring cost recovery, and protecting taxpayer resources;

WHEREAS, since adoption of the 2016 Resolution, the operational costs of maintaining, protecting, and enforcing MRGCD rights-of-way, including hazardous tree removal, vegetation management, and wildfire risk reduction, have increased significantly, while license revenues cover only a small fraction of these necessary expenses;

WHEREAS, staff analysis indicates that in 2024 license revenues totaled approximately \$85,990, while the annual budget required to meet minimum right-of-way maintenance and vegetation management obligations is estimated at \$3,000,000, leaving a substantial and unsustainable funding gap;

WHEREAS, the underfunding of right-of-way operations and maintenance poses risks to District infrastructure, public safety, and surrounding communities, including increased wildfire hazard, impediments to emergency response, and potential disruption of irrigation and flood control services;

WHEREAS, the District has determined that a revised License Fee Schedule that is more closely aligned with the value of accessing District rights-of-way and proportional to the benefits conferred is necessary to equitably distribute costs among licensees, ensure legal compliance, and safeguard the public interest;

WHEREAS, any assessment of fees must be reasonable, related to the cost or impact of the activity, and provide affected landowners and licensees with notice of the assessment and an opportunity to contest the imposition of such fees, consistent with due process principles and New Mexico law;

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary to update and amend the 2016 Resolution to properly value the privilege of accessing MRGCD right-of-way, while ensuring that license and application fees are legally enforceable, financially sufficient, transparent, and fair to all users of District facilities and rights-of-way.

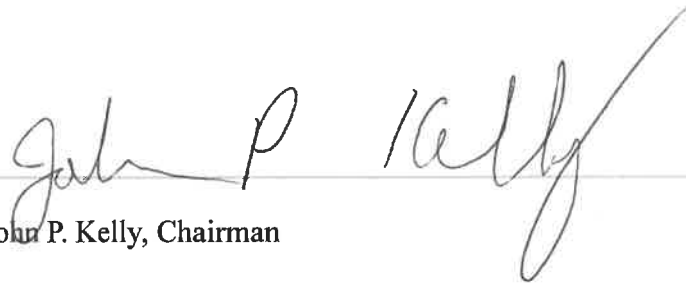
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT THAT:

1. The License Fee Schedule attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby adopted, replacing the prior fee schedule approved under Resolution M-06-27-16-144.
2. All license and application fees shall be reviewed periodically by the Director of Lands and Conservation, who shall recommend to the Chief Executive Officer/Chief Engineer revisions as needed to maintain consistency with District policy, ensure cost recovery, and protect the integrity of District facilities.
3. Fees for services shall be reviewed, and approved if appropriate, by the Board of Directors on an annual basis, but may be revised more often as per paragraph (2), and are attached herein as Exhibit "A". For other services not listed on the fee schedule, Exhibit "A", the Chief Executive Officer / Chief Engineer is authorized to add to the list of services and set appropriate fee(s) for each, provided that the Board of Directors is notified and the fee(s) is approved at a subsequent Board meeting.
4. Prior to the assessment of any fee against a landowner or licensee for unauthorized use, the District shall provide written notice of (a) the amount of the fee, (b) the nature and purpose of the assessment, and (c) the right to contest the fee.
5. Any landowner or licensee wishing to contest a fee for unauthorized use may submit a written objection to the Board of Directors within ten (10) days of receiving notice, stating the reasons for the objection. The Board shall provide an opportunity to be heard and will issue a determination as to the validity of the fee.
6. The revenue laws of the State of New Mexico governing the assessment, levying, and collection of taxes and fees, except as herein modified, shall apply to the District's collection of assessments, including enforcement of penalties and forfeitures for delinquent payments, consistent with NMSA 1978, Section 73-16-17.
7. The requirement for refundable security deposits associated with certain special-use licenses is hereby removed and replaced with the requirement that licensees provide a valid Certificate of Insurance before issuance of certain licenses, as further detailed in **Exhibit A**.

8. Unauthorized use of District facilities or rights-of-way shall be subject to an Unauthorized Use Fee as provided in **Exhibit A**, in order to deter unsafe, unpermitted activities that threaten District operations and public safety.
9. The Chief Executive Officer / Chief Engineer may, at their discretion, waive the license fee and / or application fee for licensees requesting to conduct research, install infrastructure, or perform any other lawful activity within MRGCD's right-of-way that a) has mutual benefit to the MRGCD and / or b) enhances public safety in the area of interest.
10. This Resolution shall supersede any conflicting provisions of prior resolutions relating to licenses, applications, or service fees, while reaffirming the District's authority and obligation to levy reasonable charges in support of its statutory purposes.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of September 2025.

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT



John P. Kelly, Chairman

ATTESTS:



Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

License Fee Schedule as of September 8, 2025								
Fee Schedule	Application Fee	Base License Fee		Linear Foot Fee	Unauthorized Use	License Fee Term		Associated Water Notes
MRGCD Utility License (Lateral)	\$	100.00	\$3,000 (0-50')	\$60/Ft over 50'	\$750 / 30 Days from Notice	50 Year		\$ - COI Req.
MRGCD Utility License (Main Canal or Drain)	\$	100.00	\$4,500 (0-50')	\$90/Ft over 50'	\$750 / 30 Days from Notice	50 Year		\$ - COI Req.
License Amendment	\$	100.00	\$ 250.00		\$ -	Same Original License Type		\$ -
Culvert Crossing (Public)	\$	100.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$750 / 30 Days from Notice	50 Year		\$ - COI Req.
Culvert Crossing (Private)	\$	100.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$25 / 30 Days from Notice	50 Year		\$ - COI Req.
Special Use License	\$	100.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	Varies per Project		\$ - COI Req.
Pumping Out (Temporary)	\$	100.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	Varies per Project		\$2.50/1000 Gallons COI Req.
Pumping (Dewatering/Discharge)	\$	100.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	Varies per Project		\$1.00/AF Discharge COI Req.
Commercial Filming/Staging	\$	100.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	Per Day of Activity		\$ - COI Req.
Commercial Photography	\$	100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	Annual (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)		COI Req.
Commercial Boating	\$	100.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	Annual (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)		\$ - COI Req.
Amateur Filming	\$	100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	Per Filming Project		\$ - COI Req.
Research Activities	\$	100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	Varies per Activity		\$ -
Special Events	\$	100.00	Negotiated	\$ -	\$100 / 30 Days from Notice	Varies per Event		\$ - COI Req.
New Turnout Application	\$	50.00	Varies by Materials + Install	\$ -	\$ -	Lifetime Warranty		\$ - unchanged
Upgrade / Relocation / Repair Turnout Application	\$	50.00	Covered by MRGCD			Lifetime Warranty		unchanged
Bosque Access Key	\$	50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Annual (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)		\$ - COI Req.
Encroachment (Minor)	\$	100.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	Varies per Encroachment		\$ -
Land Sale Application Fee	\$	100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a		\$ -

* MRGCD reserves the right to waive license and application fees for projects and or license requests of mutual benefit, and or public safety.



MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors

Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer

From: Casey Ish, Director of Lands and Conservation

Date: July 8, 2026

Re: Consideration/Approval of Executed Licenses for June 2026

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

1. **309-2025 – License with City of Belen to install and maintain a 36" Ø x 40' culvert crossing within the Old Belen Acequia right-of-way.**
2. **334-2025 – License with MCI Metro Access Transmission Services LLC. to install and maintain an aerial utility crossing within the Arenal Main Canal right-of-way.**
3. **335-2025 – License with MCI Metro Access Transmission Services LLC. to install and maintain an aerial utility crossing within the Isleta Interior Drain right-of-way.**
4. **061-2026 – License with Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to install and maintain a buried utility line within the Griegos Acequia right-of-way.**
5. **074-2026 – License with Public Service Company of New Mexico to install and maintain an aerial utility crossing within the Alameda Interior Drain right-of-way.**
6. **075-2026 – License with Public Service Company of New Mexico to install and maintain an aerial utility crossing within the Alameda Lateral right-of-way.**
7. **086-2026 – License with Public Service Company of New Mexico to install and maintain an aerial utility crossing within the Gallegos Lateral right-of-way.**
8. **087-2026 – License with Public Service Company of New Mexico to install and maintain an aerial utility crossing within the Alameda Interior Drain right-of-way.**
9. **093-2026_AMD1(134-2024) – Amended to reinstate License with Public Service Company of New Mexico to install and maintain an aerial utility crossing within the Albuquerque Riverside Drain right-of-way.**
10. **114-2026 – License to maintain an existing 83" x 57" x 50' arched CMP culvert crossing within the Valencia Interior Drain right-of-way to serve MRGCD Map 79, Tract9 in the care of current owner(s) and their successors and/or assigns.**
11. **117-2026 – License to maintain an existing wall and concrete irrigation ditch within the Indian Lateral right-of-way to serve MRGCD Map59, Tract 33A & Tract 34A2A in the care of current owner(s) and its successors and/or assigns**

12. **146-2026 – License with Plateau Telecommunications Inc. to install and maintain a buried utility crossing within the rights-of-way listed below:**

FACILITY	STATION	GEOCODE
HUNING LATERAL	144+50±	3013HUNL
BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN	183+00±	3023BEURD
FLOODWAY	RM 161.5	N/A
PERALTA RIVERSIDE DRAIN	575+50±	3023PELRD
OTERO LATERAL	359+00±	3013OTEL
PERALTA MAIN CANAL	412+00±	3013PEMC
LAS CERCAS ACEQUIA	03+00±	3013LCERA

13. **147-2026 – Special Use License with Spear D Construction to dewater and perform work for the installation of a sewer main for ABCWUA.**
14. **149-2026 – License to maintain and existing 60” x 20’ culvert crossing within the New Belen Acequia right-of-way to serve MRGCD Map 96, Tract 44-A1B and 44-A1C, Plat showing split of lands of Lois M Tafoya, in the care of current owner(s) and its successors and/or assigns.**
15. **150-2026 – License to maintain and existing 60” x 20’ culvert crossing within the New Belen Acequia right-of-way to serve MRGCD Map 96, Tract 44-A1B and 44-A1C, Plat showing split of lands of Lois M Tafoya, in the care of current owner(s) and its successors and/or assigns.**
16. **166-2026 – Special Use License with Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to collect water samples at the outfalls and drains in Albuquerque to inform a TDS analysis.**

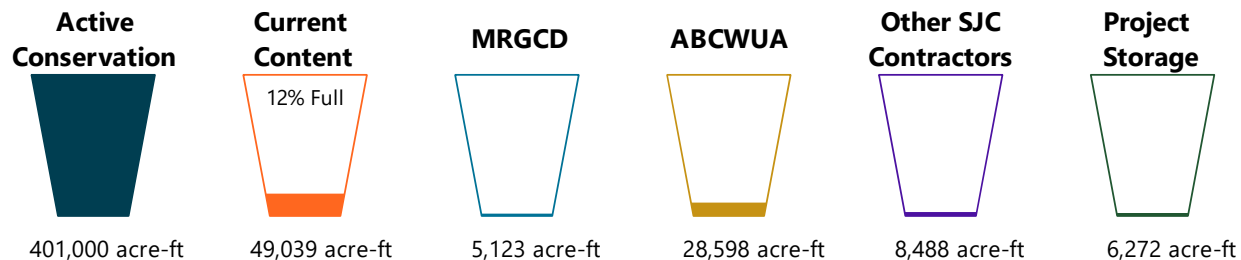
Reservoir Storage Status

Jul 8, 2026 data

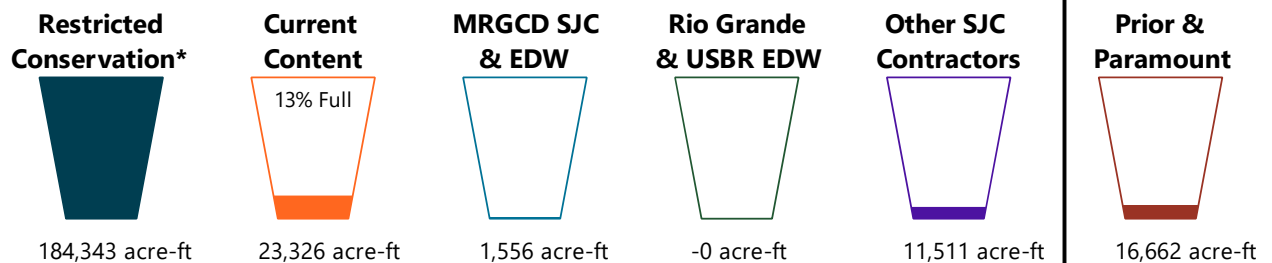


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RECLAMATION

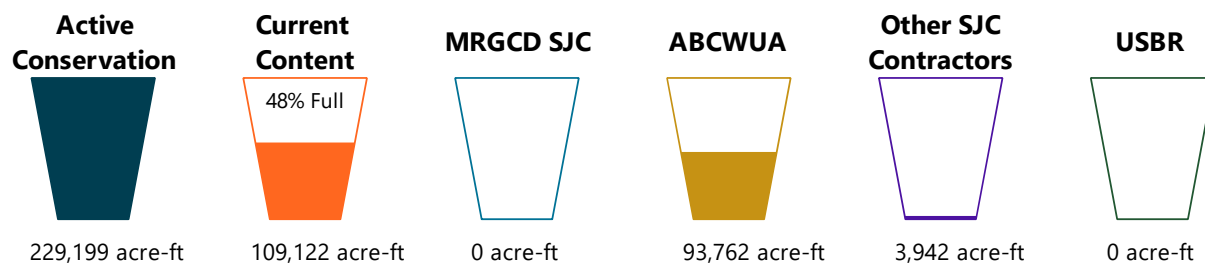
Heron



El Vado



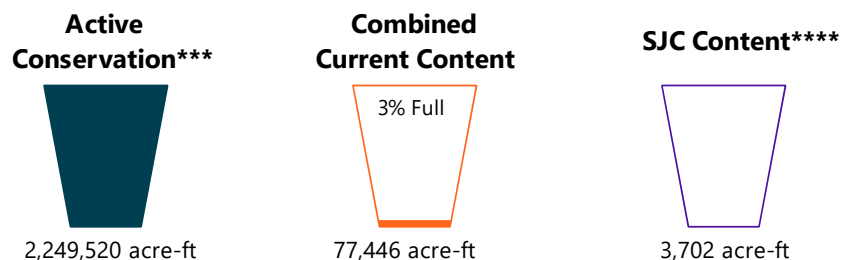
Abiquiu



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 (7-9-2026)

1. Heron Summary

Content:	7,085	ac-ft	(7/9/2026)
Azotea Tunnel:	0	cfs	
Total SJ-C Inflow (2026):	32,490	ac-ft	
Currently Releasing:	35	cfs	
Current MRGCD Storage:	5,123	ac-ft	

2. El Vado Summary

Content:	23,326	ac-ft	(7/9/2026)
Rio Grande Storage:	10,259	ac-ft	
MRGCD SJ-C Storage:	1,556	ac-ft	
P&P:	10,259	ac-ft	
Other SJ-C Contractors:	11,511	ac-ft	
Current Release:	100	cfs	RG Inflow: 15-50 cfs

3. Abiquiu Summary

Content:	107,879	ac-ft	(7/9/2026)
MRGCD SJ-C Storage:	0	ac-ft	
P&P:	6,403	ac-ft	

Total Supplemental Water Released (2026): 2,415 ac-ft

Precipitation to date for Water Year 2026 to 7/9 (% Median; NRCS SNOTEL)

Rio Chama Basin.....	71%
Upper Rio Grande Basin.....	83%
Sangre de Cristo Basin.....	63%
Jemez Basin.....	72%
San Juan River Basin.....	89%

- 2026 was the worst snow season on record for New Mexico and the Rio Grande Basin, with snowpack between 32-53% below the previous recorded low on April 1.
- SNOTEL stations in New Mexico melted out an average of 44 days earlier than normal, which is the largest anomaly documented for any state.
- 8,903 ac-ft of water stored for irrigation on the P&P lands has been released from May 23 to July 8.
- There are 89 miles of river channel drying in five segments between Cochiti Dam and Elephant Butte Reservoir.



MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors
 Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer
 From: Human Resources
 Date: July 13, 2026
 Re: Introduction of New Hires and Job/Title Changes

General Office

RYAN	AYERS	ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTIONS LEAD	06/22/2026
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Cochiti Division

LAWRENCE	GARCIA	MEDIUM EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	06/22/2026 PROMOTION
LYDELL	SANDOVAL	FIELD MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	07/06/2026
ALEX	TENORIO	FIELD MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	07/20/2026

Albuquerque Division

JOHN	CASIAS	MEDIUM EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	06/22/2026 JOB CHANGE
RENE	LUJAN PACHECO	FIELD MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	07/06/2026
FABIAN	LEYVA	FIELD MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	07/20/2026

Socorro Division

ALLEN	GONZALES	HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	06/22/2026 PROMOTION
DOMINIC KAADE	CHAVEZ	HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	07/06/2026

Belen Division

JUSTIN	JOHNSON	HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	07/06/2026 PROMOTION
DANIEL	CHILIMIDOS	FIELD MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	07/06/2026 JOB CHANGE



MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly, Board of Directors

Through: Jason M. Casuga, CEO/Chief Engineer

From: Richard DeLoia, Chief Procurement Officer

Date: July 2nd, 2026

Re: Consideration/Approval – Habitat Conservation Plan RFP

Summary: MRGCD staff is requesting approval of the Habitat Conservation Plan Request for Proposal.

Staff Recommendation: Request for Proposals for Habitat Conservation Plan was advertised on February 13th, 18th & 24th with nine (9) Request for Proposals received by the 10:00 am deadline on April 21, 2026. After thorough review and evaluation, The RFP committee independently evaluated all RFP's and selected four (4) finalists. After the four (4) finalist's interviews, the RFP committee determined a clear consensus first-place selection, Tetra Tech.

VENDOR	GRAND TOTAL
TETRA TECH	\$1,487,599.21 w/ NMGR

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) is made and entered into this 16 day of June, 2026 (the “Effective Date”), by and between 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, New Mexico 87102, and the National Academy of Sciences, acting through the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (“NASEM”), a nonprofit institution chartered by Congress with offices located at 500 Fifth Street NW, Washington, DC 20001 (collectively, the “Parties”).

RECITALS

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; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Rio Grande Basin (“Basin”) is experiencing increasing hydrologic variability, prolonged drought, aridification, competing water demands, aging infrastructure, and environmental challenges affecting water management throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, federal reservoir operations within the Basin significantly affect water availability, Compact deliveries, agricultural production, municipal water supplies, endangered species management, recreation, and ecosystem health; and

WHEREAS, NASEM has developed a proposed consensus study entitled “Assessing the Future of Federal Reservoir Operations in the Basin” to provide independent scientific, engineering, and policy recommendations regarding the management and operation of federal reservoirs and associated water infrastructure within the Basin; and

WHEREAS, the MRGCD desires to financially support and participate as a sponsor of the Study in order to advance understanding of future water management opportunities and challenges affecting the Middle Rio Grande and the broader Basin; and

WHEREAS, NASEM possesses the expertise, procedures, and independence necessary to conduct such a study and publish objective findings and recommendations for the benefit of federal, state, tribal, local, and public stakeholders.

NOW THEREFORE, the MRGCD and NASEM agree to the following:

1. Purpose.

The Parties agree to collaborate in support of the National Academies study entitled “Assessing the Future of Federal Reservoir Operations in the Basin” (the “Study”).

The purpose of this MOA is to establish the framework under which MRGCD will provide financial support for the Study and NASEM will conduct the Study in accordance with its established policies and procedures.

The Study is anticipated to evaluate federal reservoir operations and water management practices within the Basin from the Lobatos Gage to Caballo Reservoir, including Heron, El Vado, Abiquiu, Cochiti, Jemez Canyon, Elephant Butte, and Caballo reservoirs and associated facilities.

2. Scope of Activities.

NASEM shall undertake the Study consistent with the approved Statement of Task and shall:

- a. Summarize the legal, policy, and institutional framework governing water management within the Basin;
- b. Evaluate hydrologic, climatic, ecological, engineering, and operational conditions affecting reservoir management;
- c. Assess future hydroclimatic trends and associated impacts on water availability and system reliability;
- d. Identify opportunities to improve water management, infrastructure operations, and system resiliency under existing authorities;
- e. Evaluate potential statutory, regulatory, policy, and operational changes that may improve future water management outcomes; and
- f. Produce and disseminate a final consensus report containing findings and recommendations.

3. Independence of Study.

The Parties acknowledge and agree that:

- a. NASEM shall conduct the Study independently and objectively;
- b. NASEM shall retain sole authority regarding committee appointment, study methods, peer review, findings, conclusions, recommendations, and publication;
- c. MRGCD's financial participation shall not entitle MRGCD to direct, influence, approve, modify, or veto any findings, conclusions, recommendations, or publications arising from the Study; and
- d. NASEM shall retain the unrestricted right to publish all reports and materials produced pursuant to the Study to preserve independence and allow for maximum distribution of work product.

4. Funding.

MRGCD agrees to provide financial support for the Study in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 over two fiscal years beginning in fiscal year 2027 (July 2026) subject to approval by the MRGCD Board of Directors and availability of funds.

Funds will be paid to NASEM on a cost reimbursement schedule following receipt of invoices for services rendered by NASEM.

5. Consultation and Information Sharing.

The Parties acknowledge that NASEM will engage sponsors, federal agencies, tribes, pueblos, irrigation entities, municipalities, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders during the course of the Study.

MRGCD may provide information, technical expertise, data, reports, and other relevant materials to assist the committee in understanding Basin conditions and management issues.

Nothing in this MOA shall require NASEM to adopt, endorse, or incorporate any information or recommendations provided by MRGCD.

6. Reports and Deliverables.

NASEM shall provide periodic status updates regarding Study progress.

Upon completion of applicable review and approval processes, NASEM shall provide MRGCD with:

- a. A prepublication version of the Study report; and
- b. The final published report.

The final report shall be publicly available through the National Academies Press.

7. Term.

The term of this MOA shall commence on the Effective Date and continue until completion of the Study and delivery of the final report, unless earlier terminated pursuant to this MOA.

The Parties presently anticipate that the Study will require approximately twenty-six (26) months to complete.

8. Books and Records.

Each Party shall maintain records in accordance with its applicable policies, procedures, and legal requirements.

To the extent financial contributions are made pursuant to separate funding instruments, the Parties shall maintain records relating to such contributions and expenditures in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable law.

9. Publicity.

Neither Party shall issue press releases or public statements specifically identifying the other Party's participation under this MOA without prior notice to the other Party, except as required by law or as required under NASEM's public disclosure policies and procedures.

Nothing in this section shall restrict NASEM's ability to publicly identify study sponsors in accordance with its standard practices.

10. Remedies and Termination.

Either Party may terminate this MOA upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other Party.

Termination of this MOA shall not relieve either Party of obligations previously incurred under separate funding agreements, sponsorship agreements, or other written commitments executed pursuant to this MOA.

11. Choice of Law.

The laws of the State of New Mexico shall govern this MOA, except to the extent federal law applies to the activities of NASEM.

The Parties submit to the jurisdiction and venue of courts located within the State of New Mexico for disputes arising under this MOA.

12. Termination for Lack of Appropriations.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this MOA, continuation of MRGCD's financial participation is contingent upon the availability and appropriation of funds by the MRGCD Board of Directors.

Should sufficient appropriations not be made, MRGCD may terminate this MOA upon written notice without penalty, provided that MRGCD remains responsible for obligations lawfully incurred prior to termination.

13. Amendments.

This MOA may be amended from time to time upon the written agreement of the Parties.

14. Entire Agreement.

This MOA sets forth the entire understanding of the Parties concerning the subject matter herein and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations, and communications relating thereto.

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

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

By: _____

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

Date: _____

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES Acting Through the National Academies of Sciences,
Engineering, and Medicine

By:  _____

Name: Elizabeth J. Molyé

Title: Sr. Contract Manager

Date: 16 June 2026

1 **THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

2 **RESOLUTION CONCERNING WATER RIGHTS ACQUISITION POLICY**

3 No. _____

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5 **WHEREAS**, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (District) administers and protects
6 vested water rights associated with irrigation, storage, diversion, conveyance, conservation, and
7 related lawful uses within the Rio Grande Basin; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the District recognizes that sustainable management of limited fresh water
9 resources is essential to maintaining agriculture, operational reliability, environmental stewardship,
10 regional economic stability, and long-term resiliency of communities and natural resources within the
11 Middle Rio Grande system; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the District further recognizes the increasing pressures associated with drought,
13 climate variability, reduced native streamflows, Compact administration, aging infrastructure
14 constraints, and competing demands on limited water supplies; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the District has determined that strategic acquisition, or transfer of water rights
16 may be necessary and appropriate to preserve historic agricultural uses, support irrigation supply,
17 enhance drought resiliency, provide operational flexibility, facilitate conservation measures, and
18 address future water management obligations; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the District recognizes that pre-1907 Middle Rio Grande water rights represent
20 unique and increasingly scarce assets with substantial operational, agricultural, conservation, and
21 strategic value to the Middle Rio Grande Valley; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the District may utilize acquired water rights for lawful and beneficial purposes
23 including, but not limited to, agricultural supply, Compact compliance measures, drought mitigation
24 efforts, environmental and instream flow purposes, aquifer support, municipal or intergovernmental
25 partnerships, system efficiency measures, operational storage, and other public purposes consistent
26 with New Mexico law; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the District recognizes the policies and statutory authority of the New Mexico
28 Office of the State Engineer requiring that any transfer, lease, acquisition, storage, or change
29 associated with water rights avoid impairment to existing valid water rights, avoid adverse effects
30 upon the public welfare, and promote conservation of water within the State of New Mexico; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the District intends that any acquisition, transfer, or management action
32 undertaken pursuant to this Policy shall be implemented in a manner consistent with the OSE's
33 requirements regarding no adverse effect to existing rights and shall not impair vested or senior water
34 rights within the Rio Grande stream system; and

35 **WHEREAS**, the District finds that acquisition and strategic management of water rights for
36 conservation and operational purposes constitutes a conservation action intended to improve water
37 management efficiency, reduce shortages during drought conditions, preserve beneficial use,

maintain agricultural productivity, and support sustainable administration of limited water resources;
and

WHEREAS, the District further finds that acquisition and management of water rights for irrigation supply, drought resiliency, environmental stewardship, Compact administration, municipal cooperation, and agricultural sustainability serves an important public benefit by protecting regional economic stability, preserving historic agricultural communities, supporting food production, improving water management flexibility, and promoting efficient and beneficial use of water resources; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to establish a formal policy governing evaluation, acquisition, or transfer of water rights in order to ensure transparency, consistency, fiscal responsibility, legal compliance, and alignment with the District's statutory mission and long-term operational needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District that the Board does hereby adopt the Water Rights Acquisition Policy attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Executive Officer/Chief Engineer, or designee, is authorized and directed to implement the Policy consistent with applicable law, District authority, and Board direction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that implementation of the Policy shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the requirements of the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer concerning no impairment to existing valid water rights, conservation of water, and protection of public welfare.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District this ____ day of _____, 2026.

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

John P. Kelly, Chairman
MRGCD Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND INTENT

The purpose of this Water Rights Acquisition Policy (“Policy”) is to establish procedures and standards governing the evaluation, acquisition, or transfer of water rights by the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (“MRGCD” or “District”) in order to:

1. Protect and enhance water supply reliability;
2. Preserve and support agricultural operations;
3. Improve drought resiliency;
4. Support conservation and efficient water management;
5. Support Rio Grande Compact compliance and related obligations;
6. Provide flexibility for future environmental, municipal, tribal, and intergovernmental partnerships; and
7. Protect the long-term public interests of the District and the Middle Rio Grande Valley.

The District intends that all acquisitions undertaken pursuant to this Policy be consistent with applicable New Mexico law and the policies and permitting requirements of the Office of the State Engineer (“OSE”), including requirements concerning no impairment to existing valid water rights, conservation of water, and protection of the public welfare.

SECTION 2. POLICY OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Policy are to:

1. Acquire water rights to protect the District’s long-term operational and agricultural sustainability;
2. Enhance drought resiliency and operational flexibility within the Middle Rio Grande system;
3. Support conservation-based water management strategies;
4. Preserve and protect historic and beneficial agricultural uses;
5. Maintain compliance with applicable state and federal law;
6. Avoid impairment to existing valid water rights;
7. Promote efficient and beneficial use of water resources;
8. Facilitate strategic partnerships and water management opportunities consistent with the District’s mission; and
9. Provide measurable public benefits to the Middle Rio Grande Valley.

103 **SECTION 3. VALUATION AND ACQUISITION CRITERIA**

104 In evaluating potential acquisitions or related transactions involving water rights, the District may
105 consider:

- 106 1. Historical and projected lease revenues;
- 107 2. Consumptive use quantities;
- 108 3. Priority date and legal reliability;
- 109 4. Drought resiliency and operational value;
- 110 5. Scarcity and replacement difficulty;
- 111 6. Ability to support conservation programs;
- 112 7. Rio Grande Compact administration considerations;
- 113 8. Potential municipal, environmental, tribal, or agricultural partnerships;
- 114 9. Storage feasibility and operational flexibility;
- 115 10. Long-term public benefit to the District and its constituents;
- 116 11. Market conditions and comparable transactions; and
- 117 12. Costs associated with administration, permitting, infrastructure, or implementation.

118 The District may also consider strategic or non-market factors that justify acquisition values
119 exceeding strictly revenue-based calculations where necessary to protect long-term operational,
120 conservation, agricultural, environmental, or public interests.

121 The District recognizes that market conditions for senior Middle Rio Grande water rights may
122 fluctuate based upon drought conditions, Compact administration, storage availability, leasing
123 opportunities, regulatory conditions, and regional water supply demands.

124 **SECTION 4. NO IMPAIRMENT AND PUBLIC WELFARE**

125 Any acquisition action undertaken pursuant to this Policy shall be implemented in a manner intended
126 to:

- 127 1. Avoid impairment to existing valid water rights in the District's Benefited Area;
- 128 2. Avoid adverse impacts to vested or senior water rights;
- 129 3. Comply with applicable requirements of the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer;
- 130 4. Support conservation of water resources;
- 131 5. Preserve beneficial use;

132 6. Protect public welfare and public interests; and

133 7. Maintain consistency with applicable state and federal law.

134 The District may require hydrologic, engineering, legal, operational, or economic analyses prior to
135 approval of any proposed transaction.

136 **SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTATION**

137 The Chief Executive Officer/Chief Engineer, or designee, shall have authority to:

138 1. Evaluate potential acquisition opportunities;

139 2. Conduct technical, legal, hydrologic, operational, and economic analyses;

140 3. Negotiate proposed transactions;

141 4. Coordinate with state, federal, tribal, municipal, and regional entities;

142 5. Pursue funding opportunities and partnerships; and

143 6. Make recommendations to the Board regarding approval of proposed acquisitions or
144 agreements.

145 All acquisitions of permanent water rights interests shall require approval of the Board of Directors
146 unless otherwise delegated by formal Board action.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2026 FOURTH QUARTER UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT AND
UNAUDITED CASH BALANCE REVIEW AS OF JULY 1, 2026**

BA-07-13-26-116

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 6-6-2 NMSA 1978, the State of New Mexico Department of Finance - Local Government Division (NMDFA-LGD) has examined the proposed (Interim) Fiscal Year 2026 budget of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District: and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 6-6-2 NMSA 1978, the NMDFA-LGD granted the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District approval and certification for use of the Fiscal Year 2027 budget pending its Board of Governance review and approval of the fourth quarter Fiscal Year 2026 unaudited financial report, including unaudited cash balances as of July 1, 2026: and,

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2026, at the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, the fourth quarter Fiscal Year 2026 unaudited financial report, including unaudited cash balances as of July 1, 2026, was presented to the Board of Directors: and,

WHEREAS the Secretary/Treasurer of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District hereby certifies that the content of the fourth quarter Fiscal Year 2026 unaudited financial report, including unaudited cash balances as of July 1, 2026, is true and correct to the best of her knowledge.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District's Board of Governance hereby approves the Fiscal Year 2026 fourth quarter unaudited financial report, including unaudited cash balances as of July 1, 2026, and respectfully requests final approval and certification from the State of New Mexico Department of Finance - Local Government Division of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Fiscal Year 2026 budget in accordance with Section 6-6-2 NMSA 1978.

RESOLVED in session this 13th day of July 2026.

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

John P. Kelly, Chairman

Colin T. Baugh, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Karen Dunning, Director

Michael T. Sandoval, Director

Stephanie Russo Baca, Director

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MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

PER DIEM AND TRAVEL POLICY FOR EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS AND ELECTED BOARD



UPDATED AS OF July 1, 2026

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Authority

These regulations are issued in accordance with NM State Statutes 10-8-1 to 10-8-8 NMSA 1978 and state rule 2.42.2 NMAC, Regulations Governing the Per Diem and Mileage Act.

Policy Statement

The purpose of the Per Diem and Travel Policy is to establish procedures for processing official business for Out-of-State and In-State travel for employees and public officers of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD).

Travel and related activities must serve the best interest of the MRGCD, have a legitimate business purpose, and be related to the employee's job duties or the director's role as an elected public officer. Questions about whether the employee's travel or related activity is appropriate or whether it is related to the director's role as a public officer should be addressed before the expense is incurred.

All travel must be by the most direct route, using the most economical mode of transportation available considering travel time, costs, and work requirements.

Definitions

1. "Actual Lodging" means actual expenses for hotel expense; receipts are required.
2. "Actual Meals" means actual meals expenses in lieu of per diem rate; receipts are required
3. "Authorization of Excess Lodging" means prior authorization from CEO/Chief Engineer or his designee for actual lodging expense in excess of \$215.00 per night.
4. "CEO/Chief Engineer" means the Chief Executive Officer of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District.
5. "CFO/Secretary-Treasurer" means the Chief Financial Officer of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District.
6. "Designee" means a representative who the CEO/Chief Engineer appoints and authorized that individual to sign on his/her behalf.
7. "Employee" means a person who is an employee of the MRGCD.
8. "District or MRGCD" means Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District.
9. "Meetings" there are different types of meetings i.e. - Board, Commission, Committee, Online, Workshops, Conference, Community/Neighborhood, Entity, Legislative, etc.
10. Per Diem Rate – A standard rate for daily expenses to cover lodging and meals; receipts NOT required. It is intended to cover expenses incurred during official business travel.
11. "Normal Workday" means an employee specified work schedule (example 8:00-4:30 or 7:00-5:30).
12. Occasionally and Irregularly – means not on a regular basis and infrequently as determined by the District.
13. Reimbursable Mileage – The use of an employee's personal vehicle for transportation while traveling on official MRGCD business.
14. "Return Travel Voucher: means a voucher for reconciliation of all travel expenses for closing out the trip and processing per diem reimbursement or final reconciled per diem.
15. "Standard Mileage Rate" MRGCD CFO/Secretary-Treasurer will calculate and provide the mileage rate annually in January.
16. "Public officer" means any member of the MRGCD Board of Directors who is an elected or a contract officer of the District.
17. "Travel Authorization Form" means a formal request for the purpose of requesting per diem and travel advance.
18. "Twenty-Four (24) Hour Period" means a per day allocation.

MRGCD & Traveler Responsibility

The District in most cases shall pre-pay for conference registrations, airline tickets and hotel accommodations in advance of the travel, and those expenses will not be included on the individuals per diem, unless that public officer or employee has paid for those expenses directly, then a request for reimbursement with a completed return travel voucher and copies of detailed receipts shall be reviewed for reimbursement, and approved by CFO/Secretary-Treasurer.

It shall be the policy of MRGCD to reimburse employees and public officers for travel expenses incurred in the conduct of official MRGCD business in accordance with NM State Statutes 10-8-1 to 10-8-8 NMSA 1978 and state rule 2.42.2 NMAC, Regulations Governing the Per Diem and Mileage Act. Employees and public officers have the responsibility to exercise good judgment regarding expenses to ensure that they are reasonable and necessary for travel.

Authorization for travel shall be only for official MRGCD business, including training, conferences, workshops, and other functions from which MRGCD has a specific benefit through attendance by the employee or public officer. Only that travel which serves a useful purpose and is necessary and advantageous to MRGCD is authorized and shall be reimbursable. No overtime will be granted for authorized attendance or travel to meetings or conferences that are out-of-town functions or extend beyond the normal workday while attending workshops and/or conferences.

The CFO/Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for the overall administration of all travel and per diem. The CEO/Chief Engineer and/or CFO/Secretary-Treasurer will authorize all in-state and out-of-state travel for employees and public officers. Expenditures for travel shall be charged against their approved departmental budget.

Authorization Requirements

Staff travel must be authorized by his/her Department Supervisor, and a travel authorization form (use the Travel Authorization Form) must be submitted no less than 45 days of travel, etc., so that airfare and hotel can be obtained at the lowest available cost. There will be exceptions when the Board or CEO/Chief Engineer directs staff to attend meetings, training, etc. outside of the 45-day notice requirement. The Travel Coordinator will book airline and hotel reservations using a company credit card. In rare instances, travelers may be reimbursed for airfare and hotel expenses when using their own credit card. A requisition for travel will need to be entered into Tyler Munis.

General Rules and Regulations

Travel Time

Travel time is limited to the actual dates of a function plus reasonable travel time for in-state travel or actual flight times for out-of-state travel. If an employee desires travel time beyond the amount allowed, such time is accounted for as vacation leave or leave without pay.

Transportation and Payment

Payment for the use of any particular mode of transportation is approved by the CEO/Chief Engineer or CFO/Secretary-Treasurer based upon the least total cost to MRGCD. If an employee or public officer chooses to use a private means of transportation, the employee or public officer shall not be reimbursed more than coach air fare. Further, the reimbursement for travel in private vehicles shall not exceed the amount that would be paid based upon air travel to and from the same destination or mileage rates, whichever is less.

1. MRGCD Vehicle

For travel for official MRGCD business in the city or within the state a MRGCD vehicle should be used whenever possible.

If it is necessary to purchase gasoline, oil, or any other vehicle required item for a MRGCD vehicle, the traveler should prior to his/her travel make arrangements for a District gas card to be issued; in the event a gas card was not requested you may request reimbursement for such purchases with an itemized receipts and, the CEO/Chief Engineer or CFO/Secretary-Treasurer shall approve the use of MRGCD vehicles for out-of-state travel prior to the trip.

2. Private Vehicle

In order to receive reimbursement for mileage when a private vehicle is used on a trip, a Mileage Voucher must be completed by the employee or public officer. An employee or public officer shall receive the mileage rate as set by the CFO/Secretary-Treasurer in January every year.

Mileage shall be reimbursed pursuant to a mileage chart from an official road map of the state, a recognized Internet map site, or mileage specified on the Mileage Voucher. Expenses may be reimbursed for actual mileage if the beginning and ending odometer readings are certified as correct by the traveler and:

- a. the destination is not included on an official road map or Internet map site; or

- b. after arriving at the destination, the employee is required to use the vehicle in the performance of official duties.
- c. Round-trip mileage will be allowable for travel to and from the airport, when traveling out-of-state when traveling by air.

Mileage reimbursement for the use of a privately-owned vehicle for out-of-city or state travel shall not exceed the coach-class commercial airfare. If an employee chooses to use a private vehicle and the calculated mileage reimbursement is less than coach airfare, the employee shall receive only the calculated mileage amount. Approval for the use of private vehicles for in-state or out-of-state travel must be issued prior to the trip.

3. Airline Reservations

Airline tickets will be purchased by the MRGCD upon approval of the travel; or the employee or public officer may purchase their own airline ticket and request reimbursement with a submission of a travel voucher and detailed receipt. Please note airfare for spouse travel is the sole responsibility of the public officer or employee. MRGCD will reimburse only unavoidable airline fees, such as baggage fees. Discretionary and avoidable fees will not be reimbursed.

4. Miscellaneous Expenses – (In-State and Out-of-State)

An employee or public officer may be reimbursed for certain actual expenses in addition to per diem rates.

- a. Taxi or other transportation fares
- b. Gratuities, **not to exceed 20%**
- c. Parking fees-If no receipt is available, an affidavit must be submitted.

Under circumstances where the loss of receipts would deny reimbursement, an affidavit from the employee or public officer attesting to the expenses may be substituted for actual receipts and approved by the CEO/Chief Engineer or CFO/Secretary-Treasurer (Use form Affidavit for Lost Receipts).

5. Rental Cars or Other Shuttle Vehicles

An employee or public officer may be reimbursed for rental cars for business purposes in extraordinary circumstances when less expensive public transportation is not available or appropriate. Approval for reimbursement of car rental fees must be approved in advance of the car rental.

Rental car up-grades or second drivers (non-employees) will be borne by the employee or public officer.

Request for rental car reimbursement “must” be accompanied with an itemized receipt.

Rental Car Insurance

In the event MRGCD requires and/or authorizes a rental car for a public officer, administrator or employee, a Loss Damage Waiver (LDW) “Must” be included with the rental car.

Per Diem Rates & Actual Lodging and Meals

Per diem rates shall be paid to public officers and employees only in accordance with the provisions of this policy, the Per Diem and Mileage Act NMSA 10-8-1 through 10-8-8, and 2.42.2. NMAC. Refer to the DFA Reimbursement Memo for the per diem rates for the appropriate fiscal year.

1. Overnight Travel: Regardless of the number of hours traveled, travel for public officers and employees where overnight lodging is required shall be reimbursed using one of the following methods as authorized by this policy and law.

(Options a-c include lodging and meals; receipts not required.)

- a. Standard in-state per diem rates See DFA Memo
- b. Special area in-state per diem rates See DFA Memo
- c. Out-of-state per diem rates See DFA Memo
- d. **Actual lodging and meal expenses** when authorized under Section 2.42.2.9 NMAC and approved in accordance with this policy. The actual lodging includes per diem limits for meals but continues to require actual receipts to be submitted.

On the last day of travel, when overnight lodging is no longer required, per diem is pro-rated according to #2 below (travel which does not require overnight lodging).

Special Area Designation is defined as Santa Fe.

2. Partial Day Per Diem Rate or Actual Meal Expense for Last Day of Travel When Overnight Lodging is no Longer Required:

- a. for less than 2 hours of travel none
- b. for 2 hours, but less than 6 hours See DFA Memo
- c. for 6 hours, but less than 12 hours See DFA Memo
- d. for 12 hours or more See DFA Memo

2. Partial Day Per Diem Rate or Actual Meal Expense: Public Officers or employees who occasionally and irregularly travel shall be reimbursed for travel which **does not require overnight lodging**, but extends beyond a normal workday as follows:

- | | |
|--|--------------|
| a. for less than 2 hours of travel | none |
| b. for 2 hours, but less than 6 hours | See DFA Memo |
| c. for 6 hours, but less than 12 hours | See DFA Memo |
| d. for 12 hours or more | See DFA Memo |

Travel to Santa Fe for a conference where the meal is included in the fee is not considered travel and therefore, no per diem will be paid.

3. Payment or Reimbursement of Actual Expenses in Lieu of Per Diem Rates: Upon written request the CEO/Chief Engineer may grant written approval for a public officer or employee to be reimbursed actual expenses in lieu of the per diem rates where overnight travel is required.

- a. **Actual Payment or Reimbursement for Lodging.** A public officer or an employee may elect to be reimbursed actual expenses for lodging not exceeding the single occupancy room charge (including tax) in lieu of the per diem rate.

Whenever possible, employees and public officers should stay in hotels which offer government rates. Actual lodging expenses in excess of \$215.00 per night must request authorization using the Authorization of actual lodging exceeding \$215.00 per night and must be approved by the CEO/Chief Engineer or Chairperson of the governing board prior to travel and submitted with the Travel Authorization form.

If the public officer or employee elects to arrive early or extend their out-of-state travel the MRGCD will only pay for the nights related to their business travel.

- b. **Actual Payment or Reimbursement for Meals.** An employee or public officer may be reimbursed actual expenses in lieu of per diem for meals. Actual expenses for meals are limited by §10-8-4(K)(2) NMSA 1978 and 2.42.2 NMAC to a maximum of \$70.00 per 24-hour period for in-state travel and \$70.00 per 24-hour period for out-of-state travel. The twenty-four (24) hour period for meals is a per day allocation. Regardless of amounts spent or receipts submitted. (Note: This amount cannot include any alcoholic beverages.)
- c. **Receipts Required.** The employee or public officer shall submit **itemized receipts for the actual meals and lodging** (use Return Travel Form). Under circumstances of the loss of receipts, an affidavit from the employee or public officer attesting to the expenses may be substituted for actual receipts. The

affidavit must be signed, and the CFO/Secretary-Treasurer will review and approve. Please note a credit card summary receipt WILL NOT be accepted.

Alcohol purchases are strictly prohibited and should not be included on the receipt submitted for reimbursement.

Travelers should request a separate receipt when dining in a group.

4. Conference Fees:

MRGCD will prepay registration and conference fees. However, in the event the public officer or employee has paid the fees the MRGCD shall reimburse actual expenses incurred in the registration for a conference or meeting. A paid receipt must be furnished for reimbursement purposes, and reimbursement shall be approved by CEO/Chief Engineer or CFO/Secretary-Treasurer.

5. Travel expenses not covered:

MRGCD does not pay for incidentals such as movie rentals, or alcoholic beverages.

6. Any compensation paid to an employee for attending or speaking at a conference must be waived or submitted to the District if the employee is also being paid by the District.

7. Mileage Rates and Calculation

- a. Public officers and employees of local public bodies may be reimbursed for mileage accrued in the use of a private vehicle. The Mileage Rate is set at the IRS standard mileage rate set on January 1 of the previous year for each mileage traveled. The Board of Directors will approve the mileage rate in the January Board meeting. Refer to the Board meeting minutes in January or go to the IRS website to view the rates.
- b. Only one person shall receive mileage for each mile traveled in a privately-owned vehicle.

Board, Commission, and Committee Members

Pursuant to the NMSA 10-8-4 per diem and mileage rates, in lieu of payment, Non-salaried public officers may elect to receive:

1. In-person meeting lasting 4 hours or more – See NMSA 10-8-4
2. In-person meeting lasting less than 4 hours - See NMSA 10-8-4
3. Virtual meeting of any length - See NMSA 10-8-4
4. Per diem shall be in accordance with the rates in this policy.

There are other types of meetings that may qualify for a meeting allowance with board approval.

On-line/Phone Entity/Agency

Legislative Committee

Workshop Conference

Community/Neighborhood Others approved by the Chair

In the event there are multiple meetings scheduled on the same day, the board member shall “Only” receive the amount appropriate for a meeting lasting 4 hours or more, and NOT multiple meeting allowance or per diem.

Mileage will be allowed for attending each meeting if at a different locations.

Payment shall be via single meeting allowance or per diem, NOT both, plus mileage. Per diem shall be in accordance with the rates in this policy.

Other Official Meetings: Non-salaried public officers may receive per diem rates for travel on official business that does not constitute a board, advisory board, or committee meeting in accordance with this policy.

Payment of Travel Expenses

After completion of travel, an employee or public officer must submit all receipts, etc. to be reconciled within 3 business days upon return. All reimbursements will require the following:

1. A reconciled travel expense voucher indicating the actual costs of the trip, signed by the traveler and approved by the employee supervisor, and CEO/Chief Engineer or CFO/Secretary-Treasurer; and
2. Original itemized receipts for lodging, meals, and miscellaneous expenses. (credit card summary receipt will not be accepted)
3. Please note that hotel, airfare, and registration receipts, etc. that were pre-paid by the District should also be submitted when provided.

Travel Advances

When a travel advance is being requested, check the appropriate box on the travel authorization form. Upon approval of the request, the traveler will receive up to 80% percent of the estimated per diem.

Returning from Trip

A return travel voucher must be completed, signed and submitted to the accounting department to reconcile travel expenses and finalize the trip and process reimbursements or balance of per diem owed to the employee and/or officer.

In the event that the reconciliation of expenses determines that the return travel voucher and submitted receipts do not support the 80% amount advanced the employee/officer will then be issued an invoice for the amount due back to the MRGCD. If the actual expenses are more than the travel advance, the traveler will be reimbursed not to exceed the meal expense per limitation.

Illness or Emergency While on Travel

If an employee must interrupt or discontinue his/her business travel due to an illness or emergency situation; the CEO/Chief Engineer has discretionary authorization to grant or deny permission, in writing, to pay per diem rates and travel reimbursement to an employee or public officer who becomes ill or is notified of a family emergency while traveling on official business and must either remain away from home or discontinue the official business to return home.

Travel Authorization Form

A Travel Authorization form must be submitted prior to processing any travel expenditures (such as conference registrations, airline and hotel reservations, or per diem, etc.).

Affidavit for Lost Receipts

Under circumstances where the loss of receipts would deny reimbursement and create a hardship, a formal affidavit from the officer or employee attesting to the expenses may be substituted for actual receipts. The affidavit must be completed by the employee or officer and signed by the CEO/Chief Engineer or Chairperson of the governing board.

Examples for clarification

1. Transportation Expenses:

- a. Isabella has been approved to go to a conference. She is afraid to fly. She has asked permission to drive from Albuquerque, New Mexico to Miami, Florida. The regulations state that all travel must be by the most direct route, using the most economical mode of transportation available considering travel time, costs, and work requirements.

In this case, Isabella would receive reimbursement for the lowest-cost route. Assuming the total round trip miles are 4100 and the mileage rate is .57, the total mileage costs would add up to \$2,337. A round-trip flight would cost \$800. Isabella would be reimbursed for transportation expenses of \$800.

2. Hotel (Per diem vs Actual Expenses)

- a. In all cases where the actual lodging and meal option are used, the traveler is required to provide receipts for all expenses including meals (detailed receipts) and hotel. Confirm with Hotel if a Credit Card Authorization Form is required to check in with MRGCD Credit Card on file.
- b. Roger is going to a conference in Dallas Texas. The Hotels are very expensive in Dallas Texas. The cheapest hotel he could find was \$250 per night.

In this case, Roger would need to get prior approval for the more expensive hotel documenting the rates proving that a cheaper hotel with appropriate accommodation was not available. He would claim actual expenses and not ask for the per diem rates.

- c. Adeline is going to a conference in Washington DC. She wants to bring her husband and extend her stay.

In this case, Adeline would only be reimbursed for the actual dates of the conference plus actual flight times for out-of-state travel. The rules and regulations state: Travel time is limited to the actual dates of a function plus reasonable travel time for in-state travel or actual flight times for out- of-state travel. If an employee desires travel time beyond the amount allowed, such time is accounted for as vacation leave or leave without pay.

In addition, Adeline would only be reimbursed for a single occupancy room rate if she was claiming actual costs and only her actual meal expenses up to a maximum of \$59.00 per day would be reimbursed. Itemized receipts are required, and her husband's meals should not be on her receipts submitted for reimbursement.

- d. Allen is going to a training event in Denver, Colorado. He wants to stay with his brother. Allen is requesting the per diem rate.

In this case, Allen would receive \$115.00 per day (including meals and lodging). The number of days would be limited to travel time and the actual days of training. Allen is not required to provide receipts upon his return.

- e. Ava is going to a Tyler Connect Conference in Dallas Texas. The conference, hotel, and flights have been paid for using the District's credit card. This means we are using the actual lodging and meals option.

She is leaving Sunday, April 11th and will return on Wednesday, April 14th. The conference is on Monday and Tuesday.

With a written request she will be advanced 80% of per diem rates and mileage cost. Per diem for meals is set at a maximum of \$45.00 per day. Ava did not request an advance for her mileage to and from the airport.

The calculations are as follows:

\$45.00 Sunday, April 11
45.00 Monday, April 12
45.00 Tuesday, April 13
<u>12.00 Wednesday, April 14 (for 2 but less than 6*)</u>
\$147.00
<u>80%</u>
\$117.60 Advance amount

Upon return, a reconciliation will be performed by the travel coordinator. If Ava's actual expenses were higher than her per diem advance, she will be reimbursed. If Ava's actual expenses were lower than her per diem advance, she would owe the District the difference. Actual receipts must be provided (detailed meal receipts and hotel invoice).

3. Board

- a. Alex is a Board member and is going to attend an online conference for 3 days. In this instance, no travel is required but Alex would get \$95.00 per day for each day of the conference.

4. Conference in Santa Fe, NM

a. Several MRGCD employees and Board members are attending a two- day conference in Santa Fe, NM.

b. All employees and Board Members interested in attending should respond to the email/calendar invite in a timely manner; so that all attendees can be registered for the conference at the same time for the most cost-efficient registration rate. *(Majority of conferences give a discounted registration fee per attendee).*

c. Lodging is not offered or reimbursable to employees for travel to Santa Fe, NM.

d. Mileage is not offered or reimbursable to employees for travel to Santa Fe, NM since employees can utilize an MRGCD vehicle and are encouraged to carpool in the MRGCD vehicle.

e. Per Diem is not given since meals are included in the conference agenda.

f. If there is no lodging and no actual meal expenses reimbursable, then the conference is not considered travel, and a travel authorization form is not required.



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Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham

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State of New Mexico Per Diem Rates						
As Published by DFA on May 1, 2026. FY27 rates are effective July 1, 2026.						
Per Diem Rate for Overnight Travel	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
In-State	151.00	155.00	157.00	166.00	180.00	180.00
In-State - County of Santa Fe (Special Area)	194.00	202.00	210.00	231.00	249.00	249.00
Out-of-State	151.00	155.00	157.00	166.00	180.00	180.00
International Travel (in US Dollars)	-	-	-	290.00	298.00	325.00
International Travel must be approved by oversight governing body						
Meal Rates for Actual Reimbursements	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
In-State	55.00	59.00	59.00	59.00	70.00	70.00
Out-of-State	55.00	59.00	59.00	59.00	70.00	70.00
International Travel (in US Dollars)	-	-	-	103.00	104.00	113.00
Note: Meal rates in FY27 are a flat allotment per overnight period when traveling on actuals.						
Note 2: Overnight lodging is limited to \$350 per night when using actuals. Amounts that exceed this limit must be preapproved by the Agency Head or Chairperson of the Governing Board.						
Note 3: International travel must be approved by the oversight governing body.						
Return from Travel/Same Day	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
less than 2 hours	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 hours but less than 6	18.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	25.00	25.00
6 hours but less than 12	40.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	50.00	50.00
12 hours but less then 24	55.00	59.00	59.00	59.00	70.00	70.00
The Travel & Per Diem Act allows for actual reimbursement when per diem rates are insufficient.						

New Mexico Statutes

Chapter 10 - Public Officers and Employees

Article 8 - Per Diem and Mileage

Section 10-8-4 - Per diem and mileage rates; in lieu of payment.

Universal Citation:

NM Stat § 10-8-4 (2025)

MILEAGEA. Notwithstanding any other specific law to the contrary and except as provided in Subsection I of this section, every nonsalaried public officer shall receive either reimbursement pursuant to the provisions of Subsection K or L of this section or per diem expenses in the following amounts for a board or committee meeting attended; provided that the officer shall not receive per diem expenses for more than one board or committee meeting that occurs on the same day; or for each day spent in discharge of official duties for travel within the state but away from the officer's home:

(1) forty-five dollars (\$45.00) if the officer physically attends the board or committee meeting for less than four hours or the officer attends a virtual meeting of any duration during a single calendar day; or

(2) ninety-five dollars (\$95.00) if the officer physically attends the board or committee meeting for four hours or more during a single calendar day.

B. Every salaried public officer or employee who is traveling within the state but away from the officer's or employee's home and designated post of duty on official business shall receive either reimbursement pursuant to the provisions of Subsection K or L of this section or for each day spent in the discharge of official duties, the amount established by the department of finance and administration for the fiscal year in which the travel occurs. The department of finance and administration shall establish the reimbursement rate to be used for the next fiscal year by May 1 of each fiscal year; provided that such rate shall take into consideration the rates available for lodging, meals and incidentals as determined by the United States general services administration for that period of time.

C. Every public officer or employee who is traveling outside of the state on official business shall receive either reimbursement pursuant to the provisions of Subsection K or L of this section or for each day spent in the discharge of official duties, the amount established by the department of finance and administration for the fiscal year in which the travel occurs. The department of finance and administration shall establish the reimbursement rate to be used for the next fiscal year by May 1 of each fiscal year; provided that such rate shall take into consideration the rates available for lodging, meals and incidentals as determined by the United States general services administration for that period of time. For a salaried

public officer or employee of a local public body or state agency, expenses shall be substantiated in accordance with rules promulgated by the secretary of finance and administration, and the secretary may promulgate rules defining what constitutes out-of-state travel for the purposes of the Per Diem and Mileage Act. For a public officer or employee of a public post-secondary educational institution, expenses shall be substantiated in accordance with rules promulgated by the governing board of that public post-secondary educational institution, and the governing board may promulgate rules defining what constitutes out-of-state travel for the purposes of the Per Diem and Mileage Act.

D. Every public officer or employee shall receive up to the internal revenue service standard mileage rate set January 1 of the previous year for each mile traveled in a privately owned vehicle or eighty-eight cents (\$.88) a mile for each mile traveled in a privately owned airplane if the travel is necessary to the discharge of the officer's or employee's official duties and if the private conveyance is not a common carrier; provided, however, that only one person shall receive mileage for each mile traveled in a single privately owned vehicle or airplane, except in the case of common carriers, in which case the person shall receive the cost of the ticket in lieu of the mileage allowance.

E. The per diem and mileage or per diem and cost of tickets for common carriers paid to salaried public officers or employees is in lieu of actual expenses for transportation, lodging and subsistence.

F. In addition to the in-state per diem set forth in this section, the department of finance and administration, by rule, may authorize a flat subsistence rate in the amount set by the legislature in the general appropriation act for commissioned officers of the New Mexico state police in accordance with rules promulgated by the department of finance and administration.

G. In lieu of the in-state per diem set in Subsection B of this section, the department of finance and administration may, by rule, authorize a flat monthly subsistence rate for certain employees of the department of transportation, provided that the payments made under this subsection shall not exceed the maximum amount that would be paid under Subsection B of this section.

H. Per diem received by nonsalaried public officers for travel on official business or in the discharge of their official duties, other than attending a board or committee meeting, and per diem received by public officers and employees for travel on official business shall be prorated in accordance with rules of the department of finance and administration or the governing board.

I. The provisions of Subsection A of this section do not apply to payment of per diem expense to a nonsalaried public official of a municipality for attendance at board or committee meetings held within the boundaries of the municipality.

J. In addition to any other penalties prescribed by law for false swearing on an official voucher, it shall be cause for removal or dismissal from office.

K. With prior written approval of the secretary or the secretary's designee or the local public body, a nonsalaried public officer of a state agency or local public body, a salaried public officer of a state agency or local public body or a salaried employee of a state agency or local public body is entitled to per diem expenses under this subsection and shall receive:

(1) reimbursement for actual expenses for lodging; and

(2) reimbursement for actual expenses for meals and incidentals not to exceed the maximum amounts for in-state and out-of-state travel established by the department of finance and administration for the fiscal year in which the travel occurs; provided that the department of finance and administration shall establish the maximum rates for the reimbursement of actual expenses for meals and incidentals as described in Subsections B and C of this section.

L. With prior written approval of the governing board or its designee, a nonsalaried public officer of a public post-secondary educational institution, a salaried public officer of a public post-secondary educational institution or a salaried employee of a public post-secondary educational institution is entitled to per diem expenses under this subsection and shall receive:

(1) reimbursement for actual expenses for lodging; and

(2) reimbursement for actual expenses for meals and incidentals not to exceed the maximum amounts for in-state and out-of-state travel established by the department of finance and administration for the fiscal year in which the travel occurs; provided that the department of finance and administration shall establish the maximum rates for the reimbursement of actual expenses for meals and incidentals as described in Subsections B and C of this section.

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**LETTER TO THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY
DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 2, 2026**

Dear Chairman Kelly and Members of the Board:

I write on behalf of the Coalition of Six Middle Rio Grande Basin Pueblos (the Pueblos of Cochiti, Santo Domingo, San Felipe, Santa Ana, Sandia, and Isleta) in response to the MRGCD's proposed Resolution Concerning Priority of El Vado Storage Rights. The Coalition understands that this resolution arose, at least in part, in response to the Coalition Pueblos' communications concerning the United States' obligations under the 1981 Agreement: Procedures for Storage and Release of Indian Water Entitlement of the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos ("1981 Agreement") to store the fully calculated quantity of water to satisfy prior and paramount irrigation demand, and to obtain the Coalition Pueblos' concurrence before deviating from that obligation. For reasons more fully explained below, we ask the MRGCD Board to table consideration of the proposed Resolution.

The Coalition Pueblos have been good neighbors to the MRGCD and to the broader farming community of the Middle Rio Grande Valley for as long as those relationships have existed. In times of drought, we have worked alongside the MRGCD to make the best use of an insufficient supply. In 2018, when MRGCD CEO Mike Hamman asked for the Coalition Pueblos' help, we provided it. That spirit of cooperation and collaboration is genuine and durable. The Coalition Pueblos' decision to address BOR's bypass of prior and paramount storage was not a departure from that relationship, it was an exercise of rights that exist precisely to ensure the Pueblos can sustain themselves when water is scarce.

The Coalition Pueblos communicated our concerns about the 2025 bypass to MRGCD staff well before we sent the April 29, 2025 letter to the Secretary of the Interior. We did not send that letter without first attempting to work through those concerns with the MRGCD, BOR and BIA at the operational level during the Coalition Workgroup meetings, and it was the absence of a satisfactory resolution that led to the Coalition's formal correspondence. We did a similar exercise this year with MRGCD, BOR and BIA. Our preference has always been to resolve these matters collaboratively. Again, we respectfully ask the Board to table this resolution. Tabling a decision supports the relationships that sustain this Valley.

The Coalition Pueblos understands that the MRGCD Board may be deciding whether to adopt this resolution at its July 13, 2026 meeting. We are grateful to Directors Jiron and Sandoval who understand the stakes of this resolution and took the initiative to ask Chairman Kelly to meet with the Coalition. We appreciate that Chairman Kelly agreed. If a meeting cannot be arranged before July 13, we request that the Board postpone consideration of the resolution until after a meeting with the Coalition Pueblos has occurred. This will afford the MRGCD Board an opportunity to consider the Coalition's concerns before taking any action on the resolution. We ask that the meeting include the Chairman, the at large Director, the Chief Engineer and CEO, legal counsel,

and representatives of the six Coalition Pueblos. If the Board does not table the resolution, the Coalition Members request adequate time on the July 13 agenda to present a response.

Respectfully submitted,



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Coalition of Six Middle Rio Grande Basin Pueblos
Pueblo of Isleta

cc: *Jason Casuga, MRGCD Chief Engineer and CEO*

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June 24, 2026

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RE: Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Prior and Paramount operations

Mr. Taber:

We are writing to discuss ways the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE) and the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission (NMISC) might work with you, the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos and others regarding Prior and Paramount (P&P) operations during the remainder of the 2026 irrigation season as we continue to face unprecedented dry hydrology.

New Mexico recognizes the P&P rights of the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos (Pueblos) and we are committed to working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Pueblos and others to ensure the appropriate releases can effectively and efficiently meet the irrigation demands of the P&P lands.

We must work together to ensure that the amount of water released from storage for irrigation of P&P lands will match actual irrigation demand and field conditions within the Middle Rio Grande Valley. The NMOSE and NMISC believe that protecting the integrity of P&P deliveries requires not only ensuring that releases are properly calibrated to meet demand but also to ensure that stored P&P water is not unnecessarily released to Newly Reclaimed Lands as well as to downstream non-Pueblo users.

We understand that BIA is not including Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) drain accretions, seepage from Cochiti Reservoir, and return flows from the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (ABCWUA) wastewater treatment facility in its 2026 calculation of available P&P supply. These sources are native Rio Grande water and historically have been considered part of the available P&P supply. We suggest using actual irrigation

conditions to calculate the release decisions rather than relying solely on a flow target at the Otowi gage.

To further our collaboration, we would like to meet with you, Pueblo representatives and other partners to observe field conditions during the remainder of this irrigation season to determine if there are opportunities to address operational efficiencies with respect to P&P operations.

Please feel free to contact us to discuss these opportunities further or if additional information might be useful.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth K. Anderson, PE
New Mexico State Engineer



FOR:

Hannah Riseley-White, Director
New Mexico Interstate Stream
Commission

cc: Jason Casuga, CEO Middle Rio Gande Conservancy District
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