



Agenda

**For Presentation at the
2,239th Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District**



September 14, 2026 – 3:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Link:

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Meeting ID: 311 241 0839 and Passcode: 193122

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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 – August 2026
 - b. Consideration/Approval of August 2026 Invoices for Wiggins, Williams & Wesenberg, PC
 - c. Consideration/Approval of August 2026 Invoices for Spencer Fane LLP
 - d. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – August 10, 2026
 - e. Memo on MRGCD Approved Licenses for August 2026 (For Informational Purposes Only)
- 3:05 4. **Discussion/Approval of the October 2026 Board Meeting Schedule – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO**
- 3:10 5. **El Vado Dam Update - Bureau of Reclamation - Leann Woodruff, Civil Engineer, Facility Management Division Manager**
- 3:50 6. **Report(s) from MRGCD Lobbyist - John Thompson**
 - a. Report on Site Tour with Senator Angel Charley, August 24, 2026 - Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO and John Thompson, MRGCD Lobbyist
 - b. Report on Water and Natural Resources Interim Committee, August 31, 2026 - Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO, Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation, Vice Chair Baugh, Directors Russo Baca and Lopez, and John Thompson, MRGCD Lobbyist
- 4:00 7. **Report(s) from the Water Operations**
 - a. Report on Water Supply Conditions – Anne Marken, River Operations & Telemetry Manager
 - b. Report on Water Distribution – Matt Martinez, Irrigation Distribution Manager
- 4:30 8. **Items from the Floor (Comments are limited to three (3) minutes)**
- 4:45 9. **Report(s) from the Department of the Interior**
 - a. Bureau of Indian Affairs – Patrick Taber, Acting Designated Engineer
- 5:00 10. **Report(s) from the Director of Human Resources – Christine L. Nardi, MBA**
 - a. Introduction of MRGCD New Hires
- 5:10 11. **Report(s) from the Chief Procurement Officer – Richard DeLoia**
 - a. Consideration/Approval for the purchase of Pump Station for Feeder 3
 - b. Consideration/Approval of Unified Fire Levee Road Maintenance and Access Clearing
- 5:20 12. **Report(s) from the Director of Lands & Conservation – Casey Ish**
 - a. Report on the San Juan-Chama Project Contractors Association Field Trip, August 26-27, 2026 – Casey Ish, Director of Lands & Conservation and Amanda Molina, Director of Communications
 - b. Report on New Belen Outfall/Unified Fire Scar Area Site Visit with Representative Melanie Stansbury and the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps, August 27, 2026 - Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO, Jo Strange, Bosque Management Coordinator, John Thompson, MRGCD Lobbyist, Directors Russo Baca and Dunning

- 5:35 13. **Report(s) from the Director of Technical Services – Alicia Lopez, PE**
a. Maintenance & Construction Updates
- 5:50 14. **Report(s) from the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO – Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM**
a. Consideration/Approval of Resolution No. BA-09-14-26-118 Adoption of Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 (07-01-26 to 06-30-27) Grant and Capital Investment Fund
- 6:00 15. **Report(s) from the Chief Engineer/CEO – Jason M. Casuga, PE**
a. Report on 6-Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Coalition/MRGCD Meeting, August 26, 2026 - Jason M. Casuga, Chief Engineer/CEO, Chair Kelly, Directors Russo Baca and Jiron
b. Information on Upcoming Events:
1. CESOSS' 2026 Acequia Walk & Talks Series
a. October 24, 2026 – Pajarito: Durand Open Space
2. Coalition of Rio Grande Water Users Annual Conference, September 16-18, 2026: Tamaya Resort, Pueblo of Santa Ana
3. Tribal Water Law Annual Conference, September 28-29, 2026: Santa Fe, NM
4. New Mexico Water Law Annual Conference, October 8-9, 2026: Santa Fe, NM
5. Family Farm Alliance Annual Conference, October 28-30, 2026: Reno, NV
6. Colorado River Water Users Association Annual Conference, December 9-11, 2026: Las Vegas, NV
- 6:15 16. **Report(s) from the MRGCD Attorney(s) – Chief Water Counsel or General Counsel**
- 6:20 17. **Report(s) from the Board**
a. Report on Corrales Farmers Coop Meeting, August 11, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
b. Report on Farmers for Future Farmers Meeting, August 11, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
c. Report on the Basin Study Agriculture Committee Meeting, August 12, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
d. Report on the Los Lunas Ag Science Center Event, August 13, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
e. Report on the Urban Issues Advisory Committee Meeting, August 18, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh, and Director Russo Baca
f. Report on the VCSWCD Regular Board Meeting, August 20, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
g. Report on CESOSS' 2026 Acequia Walk and Talk and Keep Los Padillas Green Event, August 22, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
h. Report on the Socorro Community Conversations about Water Event, August 27, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
i. Report on the CESOSS' Acequia Walk and Talk, Armijo, September 5, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
j. Report on Meeting with Terry Brunner with the Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency, City of Albuquerque, regarding the Rail Trail Connection, September 1, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh
k. Report on Farmers for Future Farmers Meeting, September 8, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
l. Report on Meeting w/ Mayor Rael, Village of Los Ranchos De Albuquerque, to discuss Acequia Association, September 8, 2026 – Vice Chair Baugh
m. Report on 6-Middle Rio Grande Pueblos Coalition Meeting, September 10, 2026 – Director Russo Baca
- 6:30 18. **Executive Session**
a. NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)7
1. Threatened Litigation