



LOWER RIO GRANDE
Public Water Works Authority

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Sign In Sheet

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Date: September 5, 2023

Time: 2:45 p.m.

Places: Online - Zoom

Event: Special Board Mtg

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LOWER RIO GRANDE PUBLIC WATER WORKS AUTHORITY

Draft Minutes —SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

2:45 p.m., Tuesday September 5, 2023 online - Zoom

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- I. **Call to Order, Roll Call to Establish Quorum:** Mrs. Holguin called the meeting to order at 2:45 pm. District #1 is vacant, **Mr. Franco** representing District #2 was present via telephone, **Mr. Cadena** representing District #3 was present via Zoom, **Mrs. Holguin** representing District #4 via Zoom, District #5 is vacant, **Mrs. Juarez** representing District #6 was present via telephone, District #7 is vacant. Staff present via Zoom were Projects Manager Karen Nichols, Projects Specialist Patricia Charles, Finance Manager Kathi Jackson. Guest present were Mr. Larri Erstad LRG customer and Filiberto Castorena from HDR Engineering.
- II. **Motion to approve the agenda:** Mr. Franco made the motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Cadena seconded the motion, the motion passed with all in favor.
- III. **New Business:**
 - A. **Motion to adopt Resolution FY2024-10 authorizing application to NM Water Trust Board for South Valley Regional Project:** Mr. Cadena made the motion to adopt Resolution FY2024-10 and Mrs. Juarez seconded the motion, the motion passed with all in favor.
 - B. **Motion to adopt Resolution FY2024-11 authorizing application to NM Water Trust Board for Valle del Rio Water Treatment Project:** Mr. Franco made the motion to adopt Resolution FY2024-11 and Mr. Juarez seconded the motion, the motion passed with all in favor.
- IV. **Motion to Adjourn:** Mr. Cadena made the motion to adjourn the special board meeting at 2:51 p.m. and Mrs. Juarez seconded the motion.

These minutes will be presented to the board for approval on the 20th Day of September, 2023 at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors:

SEAL:

Esperanza Holguin, Board Chair

Attest:

Glory Juarez, Secretary

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Meeting Notice & Agenda—SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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- I. Call to Order, Roll Call to Establish Quorum: District #1 is vacant, **Mr. Franco** ____ (District #2), **Mr. Cadena** ____ (District #3), **Mrs. Holguin** ____ (District #4), District #5 is vacant, **Mrs. Juarez** ____ (District #6), District #7 is vacant
- II. Motion to approve the agenda
- III. New Business
 - A. Motion to adopt Resolution FY2024-10 authorizing application to NM Water Trust Board for South Valley Regional Project
 - B. Motion to adopt Resolution FY2024-11 authorizing application to NM Water Trust Board for Valle del Rio Water Treatment Project
- IV. Motion to Adjourn

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aide or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the LRGPWVA office at 575-233-5742, PO Box 2646, Anthony NM 88021 OR 215 Bryant St., Mesquite NM at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible. Public documents, including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible formats. Please contact the LRGPWVA office if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.

Si usted es una persona con una discapacidad que necesita un lector, amplificador, intérprete de lenguaje de signos o cualquier otra forma de ayudante auxiliar o servicio para asistir o participar en la audiencia o reunión, póngase en contacto con la oficina de LRGPWVA, 575-233-5742, PO Box 2646, Anthony, NM 88021 o 215 Bryant St., Mesquite, NM por lo menos una semana antes de la reunión o tan pronto como sea posible. Documentos públicos, incluyendo el orden del día y actas, pueden proporcionarse en diferentes formatos accesibles. Póngase en contacto con la oficina LRGPWVA si es necesario un resumen u otro tipo de formato accesible.



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LOWER RIO GRANDE

Public Water Works Authority

Resolution #FY2024-10

Authorizing Application to New Mexico Water Trust Board for South Valley Regionalization Project

Whereas, the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority (LRGPWWA) was established in 2009 under NMSA 1978 73-26-1 as a political subdivision of the State of New Mexico as a special district, an independent public body, and a regional member-owned community water system formed by the merger of five mutual domestic water consumers associations (MDWCAs) in Doña Ana County and;

Whereas, subsequent mergers have added six former MDWCAs to the LRGPWWA and a previously privately-owned water system has been acquired resulting in a regional water/wastewater utility system with five geographically separate service areas and;

Whereas, the LRGPWWA Board of Directors recognizes the technical, managerial, and financial benefits and efficiencies from the economies of scale gained with the merger of its first 5 water associations and again and again with subsequent mergers which have come from the regionalization and merger of governance, administration & management, finances & accounting, operation & maintenance, and planning & project development and;

Whereas, to further refine its goals of regionalization and collaboration for sustainability while facing sustained drought and climate change, the LRGPWWA adopted a Water Master Plan completed in September, 2021 which recommends the development of a new wellfield on the west mesa near La Mesa for the purpose of relocating LRGPWWA water sources outside of the Mesilla Valley floor to reduce potential conflicts with senior water rights holders and improve water quality;

Now Therefore, be it resolved, the Board of Directors adopts and passes this resolution to authorize submission of a funding application to the New Mexico Water Trust Board for the Stern Drive Interconnection Pipeline Project.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED: September 5, 2023.

Seal:

Esperanza Holguin, Chair

Glory Juarez, Secretary

**WATER TRUST BOARD
2024 APPLICATION CERTIFICATION**

SECTION VI. CERTIFICATION South Valley Water System Regionalization Project

I certify that:

Applicant has the authority to request the funds described in this application. To the best of my knowledge all information contained in this application is valid and accurate and the submission of this application has been authorized by the governing body of the undersigned jurisdiction.

Signature:

Highest Elected Official/Authorized Officer

Print Name: Esperanza Holguin

Print Title: Board Chair

Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works

Jurisdiction: Authority

Date: September 5, 2023



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LOWER RIO GRANDE

Public Water Works Authority

Resolution #FY2024-11

Authorizing Application to New Mexico Water Trust Board for Valle Del Rio Water Treatment Project

Whereas, the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority (LRGPWWA) was established in 2009 under NMSA 1978 73-26-1 as a political subdivision of the State of New Mexico as a special district, an independent public body, and a regional member-owned community water system formed by the merger of five mutual domestic water consumers associations (MDWCAs) in Doña Ana County and;

Whereas, subsequent mergers have added six former MDWCAs to the LRGPWWA and a previously privately-owned water system has been acquired resulting in a regional water/wastewater utility system with five geographically separate service areas and;

Whereas, the LRGPWWA Board of Directors is committed to providing clean, safe, reliable, affordable drinking water to its customers 24/7/365 and;

Whereas, the Valle Del Rio wells produce water with levels of iron and manganese that make the use of a sequestering agent necessary to prevent build-up in water lines and require frequent flushing of lines to address customer complaints which wastes water and;

Whereas, the LRGPWWA has an idle arsenic treatment skid at a well that has become unusable in the Desert Sands water system that can be moved to Valle Del Rio and repurposed for iron and manganese removal;

Now Therefore, be it resolved, the Board of Directors adopts and passes this resolution to authorize submission of a funding application to the New Mexico Water Trust Board for the Valle Del Rio Water Treatment Project.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED: September 5, 2023.

Seal:

Esperanza Holguin, Chair

Glory Juarez, Secretary

**WATER TRUST BOARD
2024 APPLICATION CERTIFICATION**

SECTION VI. CERTIFICATION Valle Del Rio Water Treatment Project

I certify that:

Applicant has the authority to request the funds described in this application. To the best of my knowledge all information contained in this application is valid and accurate and the submission of this application has been authorized by the governing body of the undersigned jurisdiction.

Signature:

Highest Elected Official/Authorized Officer

Print Name: Esperanza Holguin

Print Title: Board Chair

Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works

Jurisdiction: Authority

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