



The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District is Seeking Interest from Qualified Candidates for Mid-Term Appointment for the Board of Director Position No. 7 Sandoval County Open Seat

The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Board of Directors on Friday, January 18, 2019 held a special meeting to determine the mid-term vacancy appointment process and procedures to fill the vacancy in Position No. 7, Sandoval County open seat. The Board reviewed staff and attorney recommendations and agreed on the following procedures.

To solicit interest in filling the remaining term through June of 2021, the Board directed staff to advertise the vacancy throughout Sandoval County utilizing all means available. Those interested in filling the remaining term have from January 22, 2019 until February 7, 2019 at 2 pm to submit an application. The Board approved application that will be available on the MRGCD website and at the main office at 1931 2nd Street SW, Albuquerque. The application can also be emailed to an interested individual upon request to the MRGCD and can be returned electronically by the deadline.

The Board will review the applications of qualified applicants at their regularly scheduled Board meeting on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 3 pm. Qualified applicants will be invited to address the Board if they so wish. The Board can make its decision during this meeting or has the option to schedule interviews with applicants. Upon appointment, the new Board member will be sworn in at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting following the appointment decision.

Please direct all inquiries regarding the application process to Ms. Jeanette Bustamante at 505-247-0234.

About the MRGCD: The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District has been promoting sustainable agriculture for the past 85 years. The District delivers water to about 60,000 acres of cropland in the Middle Rio Grande Valley. That water is reused time and time again to irrigate crops, sustains the cottonwood bosque along the Rio Grande, help create and maintain habitat for the endangered Rio Grande silvery minnow and recharges the aquifer. The District owns 30,000 acres of bosque in the valley, the largest continuous cottonwood forest in the world, and a stretch of land that provides unprecedented recreational opportunities and an irreplaceable swath of greenbelt in New Mexico's largest metropolitan area. The District was formed in 1925 to alleviate flooding and to reclaim farmland in the valley. Its boundaries stretch 150 miles from Cochiti Dam to the north to the boundary of the Bosque Del Apache National Wildlife Refuge on the south, running through Sandoval, Bernalillo, Valencia and Socorro Counties. It operates more than 1,200 miles of canals, laterals and drains, which are used to convey water to and from cropland. The District is funded by water service charges and property assessments on the benefited lands within its boundaries.