

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #6  
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
February 11, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.  
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101  
And By Zoom/Teleconference**

**Present:** Virgil Valdez, Vice-President; Ronald Reinhardt, Secretary/Treasurer; Mario Curto, Manager; Rodney Reinhardt, Manager; Gerald Faucette, Manager; Austin Miller, Manager; Virginia Christensen, Manager; Peter Clark, Manager; and, Armando Valdez, Ex-Officio Member.

**Absent:** Tyler Faucette, President; Robert Middlemist, Manager.

**Staff and Consultants:** Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Angelo Bellah, Program Manager; Amber Pacheco, Deputy General Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; Quinton Norris, Program Manager; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

**Guests :** Ryan Unterreiner, Chris Shaffer, Mike Oldham, Dustin Curto, Lavern Heersink, Jessica Valdez, Jeremy Faucette, Nathan Fransen, Jeremy Christensen, Ken Reinhardt, Ryan Reinhardt, Justin Rogers, Jack Hamilton, Deb Sarason.

**Meeting Called to Order**

Vice President Valdez called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Ronald Reinhardt led the opening prayer.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Vice President Valdez asked for any changes/amendments or a motion to approve the agenda. The agenda was amended to move the discussion on the US Fish and Wildlife Contract above the Attorney's Report, add the consideration of the Taos Valley No. 3 SWSP contract, request for lease of Santa Maria Reservoir Company shareholder water, and the Election of Officers was moved to after public comment. A motion was made to approved the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Vice President Valdez asked for any changes/amendments or a motion to approve the consent agenda items:

- November 4, 2025-Quarterly Meeting Minutes
- November 4, 2025-Executive Session Minutes
- November 26, 2025-Special Meeting Minutes
- December 3, 2025-Special Meeting Minutes
- December 3, 2025-Executive Session Minutes
- December 16, 2025-Joint Special Meeting Minutes
- December 16, 2025-Joint Executive Session Minutes
- January 19, 2026-Joint Special Meeting Minutes
- January 19, 2026-Joint Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**Public Comment**

Vice President Valdez asked for public comment. There was none.

**Election of Officers**

Vice President Valdez asked for Election of Officers. Pete Ampe reminded the Board of the current officers and opened up the floor for nominations for President including self-nominations or a nomination to maintain the current slate of officer. Angelo Bellah announced current Vice President Valdez was going to be replaced.

A motion was made to table the Election of Officers until the new Board of Managers were appointed. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**Discussion and Possible Approval US Fish and Wildlife Participation Contract**

Vice President Valdez asked for discussion and possible approval of the US Fish and Wildlife Participation Contract. Angelo Bellah went over the edits/changes made to the contract. He highlighted the added language to auto renew if conditions are continuously met. Mike Oldham explained the

budget process and how payments from the government can take months. Virginia Christensen described how all Subdistrict wells have to pay by a certain date and all Subdistrict wells should be treated equally. Discussion was held on the payment due date and the need for the Subdistrict to be paid in a timely manner. Pete Ampe went over the provisions to be added to the contract. Discussion was held on over and under deliveries, Ms. Christensen read the comments sent to her from President Faucette. Mr. Bellah went over the US Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) historical groundwater withdrawals.

A motion was made to approve the US Fish and Wildlife Participation Contract as amended today. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

#### **Attorney's Report**

Vice President Valdez asked for the Attorney's report. Pete Ampe provided an update on the report and recommendation issued by the Judge in the Texas vs New Mexico Colorado US Supreme Court Compact case. He reported on the delay of the Subdistrict No. 1 Plan of Water Management No. 4 trial and gave an update on the challenge to RGDSS Phase 7 model and response functions.

#### **Engineer's Report-Clinton Phillips**

Vice President Valdez asked for the Engineer's report. Clinton Phillips presented the Subdistrict No. 6 Alamosa/La Jara Monitoring Well Update. He presented a map of the monitoring wells and went over the change compared to the 2015 baseline and 2024. Ronald Reinhardt questioned the lack of winter time measurements and asked if the large rain event in October had an impact.

#### **Program Manager's Report**

Vice President Valdez asked for the Program Manager's report. Angelo Bellah highlighted the expiring Board of Manager seats for 2026 and the nomination of Jack Hamilton and Jeremy Faucette. Mr. Bellah thanked Virgil Valdez and Robert Middlemist for serving on the Board.

- **Financial Report**

Angelo Bellah presented the financial report. He went over the costs covered by the District for formation and the amount reimbursed and the remaining balance. Mr. Bellah presented the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement. He highlighted the assets, liabilities and equity. Mr. Bellah went over the expenses, a list of miscellaneous expenses and Kylie Gregg's notes. He presented the Profit and Loss by Class, the Budget to Actual for 2026 and went over the investment accounts and a list of current collections.

A motion was made to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

- **2025 Annual Replacement Plan Operations**

Angelo Bellah provided a water accounting and portfolio update. He highlighted the current reservoir account balances and provided an update on the USFWS 250 acre feet of Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Tabor Water to be transferred to the Subdistrict.

- **2026 Annual Replacement Plan Projects**

Angelo Bellah reported on the Twin Pines Ranch (TPR) closing/purchase with Subdistrict No. 2. He described the steps following the purchase to file an SWSP and install an augmentation station. Mr. Bellah provided the loan amount each Subdistrict would be applying for from CWCB and the yearly payment amount. Discussion was held on maintaining a reasonable reserve in order to purchase permanent water in the future. Mr. Bellah updated the Board on the Los Sauces SWSP and the Alamosa Creek Canal SWSP. He asked the Board to consider whether or not they wish to pursue leasing the Santa Maria shares, participating in the SLVIWO Taos Valley No. 3 SWSP and implementing a pumping reduction program. Mr. Bellah went over the projected forecast and provided an update on replacing depletions on La Jara Creek. Mr. Bellah presented a forbearance agreement tracking sheet and gave an update on the number of secured forbearance agreements. He described a request from Colorado Parks and Wildlife for an inclusion contract. Ryan Unterreiner reported the request was for one (1) well at the native aquatic fish hatchery with no expansion of use with a change case pending to change the place of irrigation use. Discussion was held on whether or not it would be appropriate to consider the inclusion contract before the change case is completed.

Virginia Christensen asked to move New Business up on the agenda and Executive Session following.

#### **New Business**

Vice President Valdez asked for new business.

- **Colorado Water Plan, CWCB's Low and No Regrets Strategy**

Angelo Bellah updated the Board on the development of the next Colorado Water Plan and the CWCB Low and No Regrets Strategy discussions. He encouraged the Board to participate and be engaged in the discussions. Amber Pacheco provided the Roundtable meeting dates.

- RGWCD's Investment Policy

Angelo Bellah reported providing the Board with a copy of the Investment Policy which was approved by the Board of Directors at their last quarterly meeting. He went over the purpose of the policy, the objective and reported action may be taken at the next meeting.

- Santa Maria Water Lease Request

Angelo Bellah reported he would reach out to the shareholders to see if there was interest to lease to the Subdistrict.

A motion was made to approve and go forward with Santa Maria water lease request. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

- Taos Valley No. 3 SWSP

Virigina Christensen commented on the possibility of losing money if the Taos Valley No. 3 does not run but suggested requesting the same amount as last year.

A motion was made to approve and move forward with the Taos Valley No. 3 SWSP. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

- Pumping Reduction Program

Angelo Bellah asked how much the Board would like to commit to the program and what the incentive amount would be. He went over the amounts offered last year and the total sustainability budget.

A motion was made to commit \$640,000 to the Pumping Reduction Program and leave the incentive amount the same as last year. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Austin Miller suggested the Board revisit the discussion at the next meeting to review the number of applications received, the amount rewarded, and the amount of remaining funds.

### Executive Session to Receive Legal Advice Regarding Negotiations for the Lease/Purchase of Real Property

Vice President Valdez asked for a motion to enter into executive session to receive legal advice regarding negotiations for the lease/purchase of real property. A motion was made at 4:35 p.m. to enter into executive session to receive legal advice regarding negotiations for the lease/purchase of real property. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ampe stated the Board was entering into executive session pursuant to section 24-6-402(4) to receive legal advice regarding negotiations for the lease/purchase of real property and the Board would take no formal action or position during the executive session.

### Possible Action Following Executive Session

Vice President Valdez asked for possible action following executive session. A motion was made to not proceed on the Valdez well offer until litigation. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

### Next Meeting

A special meeting with Subdistrict No. 3 was scheduled for February 19, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

A special meeting was scheduled for April 13, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. to consider the ARP

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

  
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President

  
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Secretary/Treasurer