

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #3
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

April 13, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

8805 Independence Way

Alamosa, CO 81101

And By Zoom/Teleconference

Present: LeRoy Salazar, President; Nathan Coombs, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Warren Crowther, Manager; Doug Bagwell, Manager; Sam Vance, Manager; Ruben Sandoval, Manager; and Elliott Salazar, Ex-Officio Member.

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

Guests: Jessica Valdez, Deb Sarason, Chuck Finnegan, Armando Valdez, William Myers.

Meeting Called to Order

President Salazar called the meeting to order at 11:43 a.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Nathan Coombs led the opening prayer.

Approval of the Agenda

President Salazar asked to add an Executive Session to the agenda. A motion was made by Warren Crowther to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Ruben Sandoval and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Salazar asked for public comment. There was none.

Approval of the 2026 Annual Replacement Plan

President Salazar asked for approval of the 2026 Annual Replacement Plan (ARP).

- **Board Discussion**

Angelo Bellah presented the ARP. He provided the number of wells covered in the ARP and reported no wells were added or removed. Mr. Bellah went over the total projected annual diversions for 2026, irrigation methods, operational requests, and the projected stream depletions. He described the new “wild flood” irrigation category, went over the estimated net groundwater consumptive use and total depletions. Mr. Bellah went over the post plan depletions, remedy sources, operations of the 2026 ARP and the anticipated funding for plan year. He reported on the new forbearance agreements, contract arrangements and the progress towards achieving and maintaining sustainability. Discussion was held on adding language describing some of the Subdistrict’s efforts resulting in the reduction of groundwater withdrawals and achieving sustainability. Mr. Bellah highlighted the well purchases and the Pumping Reduction Program (PRP).

- **Public Comment**

Discussion was held on the economic impact of fees, the need to have educational sessions and focus on sustainability.

- **Recommendation to Board of Directors**

A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the ARP with documented progress toward sustainability and present it to the Board of Directors and approve 1,337 acre-feet from the PRP. The motion was seconded by Ruben Sandoval and unanimously approved.

Armando Valdez commented on the success of the Subdistricts. Nathan Coombs recognized the cooperative nature among the Subdistricts. The Ex Officio Member was directed to make a recommendation to the Board of Directors that Doug Bagwell remain on the Board of Managers of Subdistrict No. 3.

Executive Session to Receive Legal Advice Concerning the Potential Purchase of Real Property and to Receive Legal Advice thereto

President Salazar asked for a motion to enter into executive session to receive legal advice concerning the potential purchase of real property, and to receive legal advice thereto. A motion was made by Doug Bagwell at 12:52 p.m. to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Elliott Salazar and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ampe stated the Board was entering into executive session pursuant to section 24-6-402(4)(a) to receive legal advice concerning the potential purchase of real property, and to receive legal advice thereto. The Board would take no formal action or position during the executive session.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Doug Bagwell to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Nathan Coombs and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer