

Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority
Resolution Number FY2020-17
Open Meetings Act Resolution for FY2021

WHEREAS, the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority Board of Directors met in regular session at its La Mesa Office, 521 St. Valentine, La Mesa, New Mexico on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. as required by law; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1 (B) of the Open Meetings Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 10-15-1 to -4) states that, except as may be otherwise provided in the Constitution or the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, council, commission, administrative adjudicatory body or other policymaking body of any state or local public agency held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of or the delegated authority of such body, are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS, any meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act at which the discussion or adoption of any proposed resolution, rule, regulation or formal action occurs shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1 (D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority Board of Directors to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority Board of Directors that:

1. All meetings shall be held at the offices of the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority at the locations indicated in the attached schedule of meetings notice or online in accordance with New Mexico Attorney General Office guidance.
2. Unless otherwise specified or adjusted to accommodate holidays, regular meetings shall be held each month on the third Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. The agenda will be available from the office of each Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority Office that is open to the public at least seventy-two hours prior to the meeting. Notice of any other regular meetings will be given ten (10) days in advance of the meeting date. The notice shall indicate how a copy of the agenda may be obtained.
3. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson or a majority of the Directors upon three-day notice. The notice shall include an agenda for the meeting or information on how members of the public may obtain a copy of the agenda. The final agenda shall be available to the public at least seventy-two hours before any special meeting.
4. Emergency meetings will be called only under unforeseen circumstances which demand immediate action to protect the health, safety and property of citizens or to protect the public body from substantial financial loss. The Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority Board of Directors will avoid emergency meetings whenever possible. Emergency meetings may be called by the Chairperson or a majority of the Directors upon twenty-four (24) hours' notice, unless threat of personal injury or property damage requires less notice. The notice for all emergency meetings shall

include an agenda for the meeting or information on how the public may obtain a copy of the agenda. Within ten (10) days of taking action on an emergency matter, the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority Board of Directors shall report to the New Mexico Attorney General's Office the action that was taken and the circumstances creating the emergency.

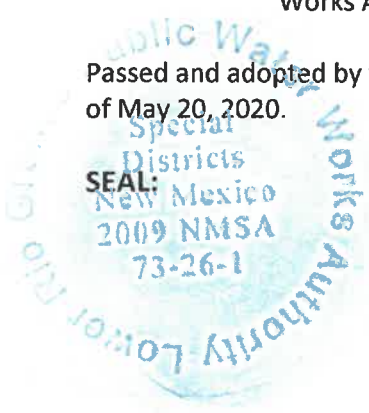
5. For the purposes of regular meetings described in paragraph 2 of this resolution, notice requirements are met if notice of the date, time, and location is placed in the customer lobby of each Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority office that is open to the public. Copies of the written notice shall also be mailed or e-mailed to those broadcast stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and newspapers of general circulation which have made a written request for notice of public meetings. Meeting notices and agendas shall also be posted at <https://LRGauthority.org> in the Notices section.
6. For the purposes of special meetings and emergency meetings described in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this resolution, notice of the date, time, and location is placed in the customer lobby of each Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority office that is open to the public. Copies of the written notice shall also be mailed or e-mailed to those broadcast stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and newspapers of general circulation which have made a written request for notice of public meetings.
7. In addition to the information specified above, all notices shall include the following language:

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 Mesquite office of the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority at 575-233-5742, by mail at 325 Holguin Road, Vado, NM 88072, or in person at 215 Bryant, Mesquite, NM 88048 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 Mesquite office if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.

8. The Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority Board of Directors may close a meeting to the public only if the subject matter of such discussion or action is excepted from the open meeting requirements under Section 10-15-1 (H) of the Open Meetings Act.
 - (a) If any meeting is closed during an open meeting, such closure shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority Board of Directors taken during the open meeting. The authority for the closed meeting and the subjects to be discussed shall be stated with reasonable specificity in the motion to close and the vote of each individual Director on the motion to close shall be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects specified in the motion may be discussed in the closed meeting.
 - (b) If the decision to hold a closed meeting is made when the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority Board of Directors is not in an open meeting, the closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting and the subjects to be discussed with reasonable specificity, is given to the Directors and to the general public.

- (c) Following completion of any closed meeting, the minutes of the open meeting that was closed, or the minutes of the next open meeting if the closed meeting was separately scheduled, shall state whether the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion or notice for closure.
- (d) Except as provided in Section 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act, any action taken as a result of discussions in a closed meeting shall be made by vote of the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority Board of Directors in an open public meeting.

Passed and adopted by the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority Board of Directors on this 20th day of May 20, 2020.



Esperanza Holguin, Board Chair

Attest:

Joe Evaro, Secretary

Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority

Board of Directors Schedule for Meetings 2020-2021

Horario de Reuniones de la Junta Directiva 2020-2021

Unless otherwise specified to accommodate Holidays, the Lower Rio Grande PWWA Board will meet the third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Lower Rio Grande PWWA Offices designated in this schedule. Agendas will be available seventy-two hours prior to the meeting at each Lower Rio Grande PWWA office that is open to the public.

A menos que se especifique lo contrario para acomodar días de fiesta, el Consejo del Lower Rio Grande PWWA se reunirá el tercer miércoles de cada mes a las 9:30 de la mañana en las oficinas del Lower Rio Grande señaladas en este calendario. Las agendas serán disponibles 72 horas antes de la reunión en cada oficina del Lower Rio Grande PWWA que está abierto al público.

9:30 a.m. July 15, 2020	Vado, 325 Holguin Road	9:30 a.m. 15 de Julio, 2020
9:30 a.m. August 19, 2020	Vado, 325 Holguin Road	9:30 a.m. 19 de agosto, 2020
9:30 a.m. September 16, 2020	East Mesa, 9774 Butterfield Blvd.	9:30 a.m. 16 de septiembre, 2020
9:30 a.m. October 21, 2020	East Mesa, 9774 Butterfield Blvd.	9:30 a.m. 21 de octubre, 2020
9:30 a.m. November 11, 2020	La Mesa, 521 St. Valentine	9:30 a.m. 11 de noviembre, 2020
9:30 a.m. December 09, 2020	La Mesa, 521 1st Valentine	9:30 a.m. 9 de diciembre, 2020
9:30 a.m. January 20, 2021	Vado, 325 Holguin Road	9:30 a.m. 20 de enero, 2021
9:30 a.m. February 17, 2021	Vado, 325 Holguin Road	9:30 a.m. 17 de febrero, 2021
9:30 a.m. March 17, 2021	East Mesa, 9774 Butterfield Blvd.	9:30 a.m. 17 de marzo, 2021
9:30 a.m. April 21, 2021	East Mesa, 9774 Butterfield Blvd.	9:30 a.m. 21 de abril, 2021
9:30 a.m. May 19, 2021	La Mesa, 521 St. Valentine	9:30 a.m. 19 de mayo, 2021
9:30 a.m. June 16, 2021*	La Mesa, 521 St. Valentine	9:30 a.m. 16 de junio, 2021

*June meeting will include a public hearing on the annual budget.

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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 de servicio para asistir o participar en la audiencia o reunión, por favor póngase en contacto con la oficina de LRGPWWA en 575-233-5742, PO Box 2646, Anthony, NM 88021 OR 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 LRGPWWA si es necesario un resumen o de otro tipo de formato accesible.