QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
June 2, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101
And by Zoom Teleconference

Present: Jake Burris, President; Clay Mitchell, Vice-President; Michael Jones, Secretary/Treasurer; Jamie Hart, BOM; Miguel A. Diaz, BOM; Tony Holcomb, BOM; Brett Hemmerling, BOM; Patrick Brownell, BOM; Reid Mattive, BOM; and Sheldon Rockey, Ex-Officio Member.

Absent: James Cooley, BOM.

Staff and Consultants: Arthur Sayre, Hill & Robbins P.C.; Quinton Norris, Program Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Deb Sarason, Jessica Valdez, Mike Kruse, Brian Rue, Andrea Rue, David Hofmann, Lilly Burris, Bane Burris, Wesley Seger, Andrew Jones.

Meeting Called to Order
President Burris called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda
President Burris asked to amend the agenda to add potential conflict of interest for Michael Jones and Sheldon Rockey. He asked for any other changes, additions or approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Miguel Diaz to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Brett Hemmerling and unanimously approved.

Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest
President Burris asked for disclosure of potential conflicts of interest. Arthur Sayre explained the purpose and procedure of the disclosure.

Michael Jones: Farmers Union, San Luis Valley Canal, groundwater
Sheldon Rockey: none.

Approval of the Consent Agenda
President Burris asked for approval of the following minutes:

- March 3, 2026-Annual Meeting
- April 13, 2026-Special Meeting
- April 30, 2026-Special Meeting
- April 30, 2026-Executive Session

A motion was made by Michael Jones to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Miguel Diaz and unanimously approved.

Public Comment
President Burris asked for public comment. Arthur Sayre introduced himself. He went over his credentials, experience and how he found interest in water law.

Program Manager's Report
President Burris asked for the Program Manager's report.

- *Financial Report*

Quinton Norris presented the Balance Sheet, he went over the assets, liabilities and equity. Kylie Gregg highlighted the remaining number of years to repay the District. Mr. Norris presented the Balance Sheet Admin, CREP and Variable. Ms. Gregg went over the water storage payments. Mr. Norris presented the Profit and Loss Statement. He highlighted the increase in the legal and engineering due to the trial and appeals. Mr. Norris reported removing the Airborne Electromagnetic Survey fee which may come back if the program receives funding.

A motion was made by Patrick Brownell to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Jamie Hart and unanimously approved.

Mr. Norris reported the Budget Committee would need to meet to discuss a CD that was coming up for renewal. Ms. Gregg explained how a draft budget would be due by August 2, 2026. President Burris reminded the Board who was on the Budget Committee. Mr. Norris gave a ARP administration update and reported on the conversations being held with CPW regarding moving water into storage. He reported on the Plan of Water Management No. 4 (POWM) comments received from the public and gave an update on the cull potato disposal proposal. Mr. Norris reported Jeff McCullough would pursue and move forward on a one (1) year contract basis, with no liability or financial injury to the Subdistrict or District. He described the wildlife issues on the Medano property and potential plans to remove the elk. Mr. Norris updated the Board on additional forbearance agreements with the potential to be used as an after acquired sources.

Attorney's Report

President Burris asked for the Attorney's report. Arthur Sayre gave an update on the Texas vs New Mexico Colorado Supreme Court settlement agreement and the State Engineer's approval of all Subdistrict ARPs. He provided an update on the SWAG pretrial date and the POWM No. 4 trial start date.

Engineer's Report

President Burris asked for the Engineer's report. Quinton Norris presented a map of the San Luis Valley unconfined aquifer storage study area. He went over the change for April 2026, the change between April 2025 and 2026, the current aquifer level, the current five (5) year average level and the acre foot needed to get to the -400,000 level. Mr. Norris presented the change in the unconfined aquifer storage study graph.

Discussion and Possible Action Items

President Burris asked for discussion and possible action items.

- *2025 Fee Assessment Appeals*

Quinton Norris presented the M&M Grain and Produce appeal request. He provided the parcel number, the requested refund amount and described the mistake that was made. Mr. Norris reported everything had been corrected and staff recommendation was to approve.

A motion was made by Miguel Diaz to approve the appeal. The motion was seconded by Brett Hemmerling and unanimously approved.

Board of Mangers Open Discussion

President Burris asked for Board of Managers Open Discussion. There was none.

New Business

President Burris asked for new business. There was none.

Next Meeting

A Budget Committee work session is scheduled for July 29, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.
The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

President

Secretary/Treasurer