



La Union Watershed District

Regular Meeting Notice

Thursday, September 3 2026 @ 6pm

at

Our Lady of Refuge Hall

1320 Mercantil Ave.

La Union, NM 88021

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La Union Watershed District
325 La Union St.
La Union, New Mexico 88021
Draft
Minutes for August 6, 2026
Regular Meeting

1. Call to order by Maryann Galindo at 6:03pm
2. Roll Call: Maryann Galindo present, Irma Lazarin present, Veronica Villalobos present, Mario Tellez present, Jose Anaya present
Guests: Dan Nelson, Mr. Perez, Jennifer K., Katie K.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda made by Veronica, Seconded by Jose. All members present were in agreement.
4. Approval of Minutes: The July 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes were reviewed, and the following amendments were noted:
 - a. **Item 9:** Clarified that the motion was approved.
 - b. **Item 11(c) – Drag:** Clarified that the drag was donated and was not built by Martin. Martin made adjustments to the donated drag.
 - c. **Item 12:** Clarified that the Quarterly Report (QR) was not approved. The resolution was approved.Motion to approve the July 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended was made by Jose and seconded by Veronica. All members present were in agreement.
5. Public Input/Presentation:
 - a. Yvette - Yvette provided an update on upcoming OLOR activities. She reported that OLOR held its Craft Fair in July and will be hosting a food sale on August 29. She also announced that the OLOR Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 26.
 - b. Vero - Veronica reported that Mr. Hendrix with Emergency Management delivered sandbags for community use. The sandbags are currently available at the Water Office for those who may need them.
6. Conflict of Interest: -
7. Directors Report:
 - a. Veronica - Veronica reported that Maryann, Veronica, and Elsa had planned to meet with the County Manager but were unable to attend. However, a

representative from the County Manager's office attended to follow up on items discussed at the previous meeting. The representative will follow up on several community concerns and requests, including signage that had previously been requested, additional street lighting in areas that are currently dark, and the possibility of having access at the Fire Department. It was also discussed that grant funding may be available for community improvements and park-related projects.

- b. Mario - Mario shared information regarding some of the work and ideas being implemented by the County. He reported that the County has been addressing and correcting various issues throughout the area, including up to La Union. Regarding the land that the community had discussed dragging, Mario explained that the cover crop program is intended to help keep the soil intact and prevent the dirt from becoming loose and blowing away. Rather than dragging and disturbing the soil, there may be another option or material that can be applied to the area. The possibility of exploring an alternative to dragging the land was discussed. Mario also reported that a DASWCD tree planting is scheduled for October.
- 8. DASWCD: It was reported that Emma Tarazoff is the new District Administrator for DASWCD, and a number of administrative responsibilities have been assigned to her. DASWCD also currently has a part-time Administrative Assistant. DASWCD has submitted six grant proposals for the NMSU WRII New Mexico Water Resource grants, with award information expected sometime in September. DASWCD currently has one of these grants in place, which is nearing completion. The BLM Rangeland 2 Task Agreement is also being worked on for application. It was reported that approximately \$31,000 is currently available to DASWCD for the road workshop. It is hoped that additional funding will become available during the next fiscal year for noxious weed programs. If additional funding is not available, DASWCD will look into other grant opportunities to continue supporting this work. An update was also provided on the NIP WIP Drought Resilient Grant. Award announcements were originally expected in July, but the latest information indicates that awards may not be announced until September or October. DASWCD indicated that they have a strong sense that they may receive a portion of the available funding. DASWCD has a project lined up for the salt cedar removal and the planting of cotton poles in Mesilla bosque park and are looking forward to the award.
- 9. Finance Report: July 2026 financial reports were presented. , Invoice to approve Jorge Garcia's Admin service and OLOR invoice made by Jose, Seconded by Irma. All members present were in agreement.
- 10. Updates:
 - a. Maryann - Maryann reported that the bids for asphalt work at the office building will be taking place soon. Additional information will be provided as the bidding process moves forward.
- 11. Pending Business:
 - a. Tractor & Attachment

- i. It was reported that the diesel gauge on the tractor is not working. The tractor remains under warranty for the next 21 days, which will cover the cost of the necessary part. The estimated cost for the repair was discussed, including \$150–\$200 for labor, a \$200 service fee, mileage, and other applicable charges, for an estimated total of approximately \$650. A motion to proceed with repairing the tractor's diesel gauge was made by Veronica and seconded by Irma. All members present were in agreement.
- b. Newsletter - Issue 2
 - i. Jorge presented Issue 2 of the LUWSD Newsletter to the Board and requested feedback. Following the review, Jorge will make minor adjustments to the newsletter and proceed with printing 100 copies for distribution.

12. New Business:

- a. On Call Engineer
 - i. The Board discussed obtaining an on-call engineer dedicated to assisting LUWSD with future projects as engineering needs come up. A motion to proceed with obtaining an on-call engineer for LUWSD was made by Jose and seconded by Veronica. All members present were in favor.
- b. MOU for use of tractor
 - i. Irma prepared and presented a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the use of the LUWSD tractor. A motion regarding the MOU for use of the tractor was initially made by Veronica and seconded by Irma. Following further discussion, the Board decided to table the MOU for further review. A motion to table the MOU was made by Veronica and seconded by Jose.
- c. QR
 - i. Q4 Report was presented to the Board for review and consideration. A motion to approve the Q4 Report as presented was made by Veronica and seconded by Jose. All members present were in favor.
- d. Inventory Policy
 - i. The Board discussed the Inventory Policy and agreed to postpone further discussion of the policies until a future workshop can be held. Board members were asked to bring their available dates to the next meeting so a date for the workshop can be determined. .
- e. Goal - Emergency response plan
 - i. Amanda from DAC OEM reached out to Maryann and Jorge about doing a success story on the community of La Union to talk about the flood infrastructure and training/workshops/emergency plan. Jorge will contact Amanda to follow up and confirm a meeting date to continue discussing the plan and the next steps for moving it forward.

13. Discussion:

14. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8pm
Next meeting: September 3, 2026



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- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
- 5. Public Input/Presentation**
- 6. Conflict of Interest**
- 7. Directors Report**
- 8. DASWCD**
- 9. Financials**
- 10. Updates**
- 11. Pending Business**
 - a. Emergency Response/Stories
 - b. Newsletter - Issue 2
- 12. New Business**
 - a. A&E Contract Extension
 - b. MOU - Irma
 - c. Radios
- 13. Discussion**
- 14. Adjournment - Next Meeting: October 1 , 2026**



La Union Watershed District

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Anthony, NM 88021
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FINANCIAL REPORT

August 2026

Balance Forward August 31, 2026 **\$ 132,020.47**

Income

Dona Ana County Mil-Levy Tax	149.16
Total Income:	\$ 149.16

Expenses

Google*G Suite – Internet	\$ 62.62
Intuit QuickBooks	41.18
CK 266 La Union MDS & WA	35.24
CK 265 Our Lady Of Refuge – Mtg room lease	100.00
CK 262 J. Garcia – Admin Services	130.46
CK 264 J. Garcia – Admin Services	149.10
El Paso Electric Co.	154.57
South Plains Implement – Tractor repairs	303.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 976.17

Balance Forward as of 08/31/26 **\$ 131,193.46**

Savings Balance: No Activity **18.00**

Total Balance **\$ 131,211.46**



ABA Translt/Routing # 312080941

Member Account Statement

Account Number: 9755274

Statement Date: 08/31/2026

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LA UNION WATER SHED DISTRICT
325 LA UNION AVE
ANTHONY NM 88021-8769



ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Shares/
Savings

\$18.00

Certificates
& IRA

Checking

\$131,193.46

Loans

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SHARE SAVINGS

Date	Transaction Description	Debits	Credits	Balance
0001 SHARE - PRIMARY BUSINESS SHARE ACCOUNT				
YTD Dividend: \$0.00				
	Balance Forward on 08/01/2026			\$18.00
	Ending Balance as of 08/31/2026			\$18.00

CHECKING

Date	Transaction Description	Debits	Credits	Balance
0080 SHARE - BUSINESS EXPRESS				
Rewards Program: Business Rewards				
	Balance Forward on 08/01/2026			\$132,020.47



Member Account Statement
 Account Number: 9755274
 Statement Date: 08/31/2026
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ABA Trans/Routing # 312090941

Date	Transaction Description	Debits	Credits	Balance
08/02/2026	Recurring Withdrawal Debit Card GOOGLE *WORKSPACE LAUN 650-253-0000 CA	-62.62		131,957.85
08/10/2026	Draft 266 Tracer 991001046	-35.24		131,922.61
08/11/2026	Draft 265 Tracer 992001182	-100.00		131,822.61
08/12/2026	Draft 262 Tracer 993000367	-130.46		131,692.15
08/12/2026	Draft 264 Tracer 993000366	-149.10		131,543.05
08/16/2026	Withdrawal Debit Card SOUTH PLAINS IMPLEMENT MESQUITE NM	-303.00		131,240.05
08/23/2026	Recurring Withdrawal Debit Card INTUIT *QBooks Online CL.INTUIT.COM CA	-41.18		131,198.87
08/25/2026	Deposit ACH DONA ANA COUNTY CO: DONA ANA COUNTY Entry Class Code: CCD ACH Trace Number: 091000017735193		149.16	131,348.03
08/31/2026	Withdrawal ACH EL PASO ELECTRIC CO: EL PASO ELECTRIC Entry Class Code: PPD ACH Trace Number: 091000017830905	-154.57		131,193.46
Ending Balance as of 08/31/2026				\$131,193.46

8 Other Debits for: \$976.17

1 Other Credits for: \$149.16

CHECKS CLEARED AT A GLANCE

Check#	Date	Amount	Check#	Date	Amount
262	08/12/2026	130.46	265	08/11/2026	100.00
264*	08/12/2026	149.10	266	08/10/2026	35.24

*Indicates a break in check sequence.

4 Checks Cleared: \$414.80

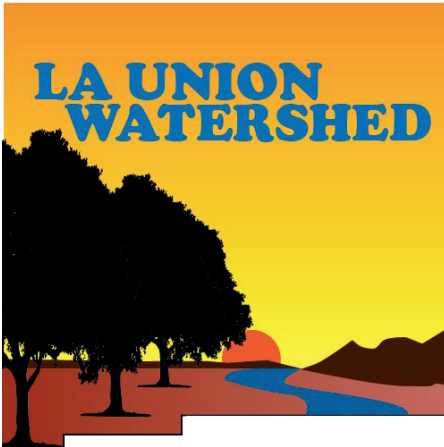
ATM / CHECKCARD ACTIVITY AT A GLANCE

Date	Amount	Date	Amount	Date	Amount
Withdrawal					
08/02/2026	62.62	08/16/2026	303.00	08/23/2026	41.18

3 ATM / DEBIT Withdrawals: \$406.80

SUMMARY OF CHECK FEES

	Total For This Period	Total Year-To-Date
Total Courtesy Pay Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Returned Item Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00



LA UNION WATERSHED DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Monthly Meetings

 Every First Thursday of the Month

 6:00 PM

 Our Lady of Refuge Hall
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Visit us at:

launionwatershreddistrict.org
for more information, upcoming meetings, agendas, and community updates.

GET INVOLVED!

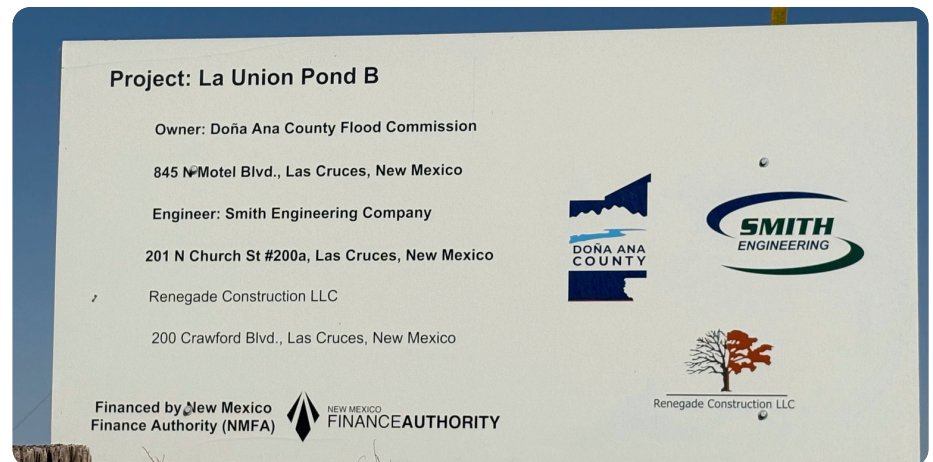
Join us at upcoming meetings, share feedback, or volunteer with LUWSD. Every voice helps strengthen our efforts!

COMMUNITY CORNER

Did You Know?

Healthy watershed infrastructure helps:

- Reduce flooding
- Protect roads and homes
- Improve drainage
- Support agriculture
- Improve water quality
- Protect local wildlife habitat



Update on La Union Stormwater Projects

Dona Ana County officials say three major stormwater projects in La Union are finally nearing completion, nearly five years after severe flooding damaged the community. The improvements include La Union Pond A, Pond B, and the Mendez Pond, all designed to capture stormwater, remove debris, and release water safely to reduce the chance of future flooding.

County engineer Michael Garza reported that Pond B is essentially finished, and Pond A should be ready by the end of May—just in time for monsoon season. The ponds were planned after the 2021 flooding, when several dams failed and sent water rushing through the area.

The third project, Mendez Pond, has taken longer due to delays tied to federal funding. Although FEMA agreed to fully fund the project, the approval process took more than a year. Garza said the county has invested about \$8.5 million in La Union's flood-control improvements overall. The county hopes to finish Mendez Pond by September, though that could shift depending on monsoon-season impacts.

Supporting Education Throughout La Union



Education continues to be one of the La Union Watershed District's core priorities. This spring, District representatives participated in Career Day at La Union Elementary School, where students had the opportunity to learn about the important role watersheds play in protecting our community and natural resources.

Students were introduced to careers related to conservation, engineering, environmental science, and water management while learning how the Watershed District works to reduce flooding, maintain local infrastructure, and protect the environment. The event also included educational materials and promotional items to help spark curiosity about the many ways science and public service contribute to the well-being of our community.

The success of Career Day reinforced the District's commitment to educating young people about the importance of watershed management. During subsequent Board meetings, members discussed expanding educational outreach beyond elementary schools by developing programs and presentations for middle and high school students, increasing communication with local organizations, and providing additional opportunities for the community to learn about flood prevention, conservation, and emergency preparedness.

Today's students are tomorrow's leaders. By teaching them about watersheds and conservation, we're helping build a stronger and more resilient La Union community.

Building Improvements Continue at the Watershed District



The La Union Watershed District continues making progress on improvements to its office and surrounding property. Recent discussions have focused on enhancing the facility with exterior lighting, office furnishings, and other upgrades to better serve the community.

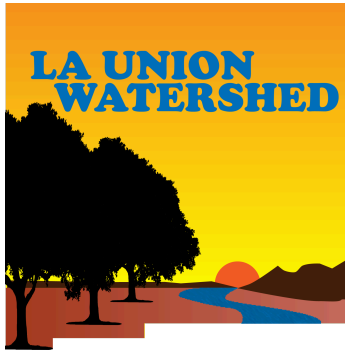
The Board is currently exploring lighting options to improve safety around the property, including solar-powered solutions, and has requested recommendations from A&E Engineering before moving forward. These improvements reflect the District's ongoing commitment to maintaining a safe and welcoming facility for residents.

Emergency Planning Remains a Priority

The La Union Watershed District continues updating its Emergency Strategic Plan to help strengthen community preparedness and improve response during emergencies. Recent recommendations focus on:

- Clearer emergency leadership roles
- Stronger communication procedures
- Improved evacuation planning
- Expanded local resource inventories
- Additional training and emergency exercises

These updates will help ensure the District is better prepared to respond to emergencies and protect the La Union community.



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

La Union Watershed District – Tractor Use

This MOU will be for the use of the tractor.

The organization or operator wanting to use the tractor must be covered by insurance and have a licensed, insured driver.

They will be responsible for their own fuel and/or any repair that occurs during the use of the tractor and until someone else uses it again.

Any accidents, mishaps, or malfunctions must be reported immediately to the La Union Watershed District (LUWSD).

This MOU is good for one year.

Effective Date: _____

Expiration Date: _____

La Union Watershed District

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Organization / Operator

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Channels, No Display, 18 hr

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Manufacturer Part Number PX650-BCHR

Radio Series PX-Business Series

Band Type FRS

Compliance & Restrictions



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FCC License Required	No 
Radio Transmission	Analog
Programming Requirements	Pre-Programmed
Output Power	2 W 
Number of Channels	22
Frequency Range	462.5625 MHZ to 467.7125 MHZ
Display Type	No Display
Battery Life	18 hr
Battery Type	2000mAh Li-Polymer Battery
Number of Radios Included	6
Types of Chargers Included	6-Port Charging Dock
Waterproof	Yes
IP Rating	IP54; IPX4
Repeater Capable	No
Bluetooth	No
Emergency Button	Yes
Intrinsically Safe	No
VOX (Voice Operated Exchange)	Yes
Audio Output	2 W
Maximum Outdoor Range	42 mi
Inside Area Range	300,000 sq ft
Floor Coverage	25
Width	2-1/4 in
Length	1-7/8 in
Height	7 in
Includes	6-Port Charging Dock; Belt Clips; Wall Adapter
Features	Dedicated Volume/Channel Knobs; Push-to-Talk Button; Walkie Talkie Radios are Ideal for Larger Business use
Display Qty	1
Display Sell UOM	EA
Country of Origin	Vietnam (subject to change)

 Excepted Hazardous Materials - General

 **WARNING:** Cancer and Reproductive Harm - www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

Documents

 [Product Manual](#)

Product Description

FRS and GMRS personal radios operate in a small range of the ultra-high frequency (UHF) band to coordinate indoor and outdoor group or family activities. They enable communication for vehicle caravans, camping, sporting events, field trips, and similar pursuits that don't require the wider frequency range, more advanced features, and heavier duty construction of UHF business radios. These two-way radios transmit and receive messages over radio frequencies that work where cellular coverage may be spotty, overloaded, or unavailable. They operate on either Family Radio Service (FRS) or General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS), which are compatible services that share a group of channels. FRS and GMRS radios can talk to each other when set to the same channel. FRS is a license-free service with more limited range and fewer channels than GMRS, which requires a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) license to use.