

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS, PROPOSED CORRALES RIVER MILE 199 PROJECT, MIDDLE RIO GRANDE PROJECT, NEW MEXICO

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is preparing a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act to assess the potential environmental consequences associated with the proposed Rio Grande channel rehabilitation project to protect riverside infrastructure from erosion along the Rio Grande north of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Reclamation is authorized under the Flood Control Acts of 1948 and 1950 to maintain the Rio Grande channel in the Middle Rio Grande to pass the 2-year return peak flow. In accordance with this authorization, Reclamation has developed the Proposed Action to protect the riverside levee system at three points where river meandering is currently threatening the levee. The Proposed Action has secondary goals of rehabilitating the river planform (i.e., the shape of the river and how it flows) and enhancing aquatic and riparian habitat.

Reclamation will host two public scoping meetings at the Village of Corrales Council/Municipal Court Chambers at 4324 Corrales Road, Corrales, NM 87048. Meetings will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26 and Thursday, March 27. Meetings will be conducted in an open house format. Meeting attendees will have an opportunity to review exhibits, speak with Reclamation representatives, and provide comments on Reclamation's proposal. No presentation and no formal question and answer session will be provided.

Please submit your written comments concerning the Proposed Action to the Project Manager, Dr. Jancoba Dorley, 555 Broadway NE, Suite 100, Albuquerque, NM, 87102, to jdorley@usbr.gov, and/or attend a public scoping meeting. Although comments can be submitted to Reclamation any time during the EA process, scoping comments are requested by 27 April 2025, to ensure full consideration in the draft EA. If you have any questions or would like more information on this project, please reach out to Dr. Dorley at (505) 859-1746.