

## PAJARITO ACEQUIA ELECTION RULES

Pajarito Acequia is a community ditch which supplies water from the Rio Grande through its historic head gate on the west side of the Rio Grande River 1½ mile south of the bridge at Albuquerque. The Pajarito Acequia is an ancient acequia established by the Pajarito Community Land Grant on January 1, 1746.

The modern point of diversion is located at the SW ¼ SE ¼ SE ¼ Section: 3 Township 13N Range 4E N.M.P.M. in Sandoval County on the Angostura grant and proceeds via canals of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, organized after 1923, to the ancient heading of Pajarito acequia historic point of diversion which is located at the S.W. corner Sec. 30 Township 10N Range 3E bears S 85°45' W 4,500 feet irrigating 1800 acres. As the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District has constructed waterways which have engrossed ancient ditches irrigators are now also using the Pajarito Main Canal and Pajarito Lateral ditches.

**Membership / Parciantes.** The members or parciantes of Pajarito Community Acequia are those persons who own irrigated land with pre March 19, 1907 water rights from the Pajarito Acequia that can be served from the canals described in Sec. 4 above. Only those members who are not delinquent in the payment of their acequia assessments shall have "good standing" in the Acequia Section 73-2-26 NMSA.

The officers of this acequia shall be three commissioners and the mayordomo, each of whom shall serve a two year term. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting held in odd numbered years on the first Monday of October, or as soon as practicable thereafter. Each officer must be a member of the Acequia, as defined herein. At the end of the annual meeting in which the election is taken place, the three commissioners shall elect, from among themselves, a President, Secretary, and Treasurer with each commissioner holding one office.

Only those members who are neither delinquent in the payment of their assessments nor who have not defaulted on their work assignments shall be allowed to vote. Votes may be cast by written proxy. For the conduct of general business each parciante shall have one vote for each irrigated acre owned. For election of commissioners and mayordomo and amendments to bylaws each parciante shall have one vote.

The annual meeting shall be held at a public place in the county in which the acequia is located. The elections shall be conducted by the outgoing commissioners. Nomination of commissioners and mayordomo may be made by any association member. The persons receiving the majority of votes cast for each commissioner and the mayordomo shall be declared the officers elected.

The elected officers shall assume their office not later than the first Monday following the month they are elected.