

ARENAL COMMUNITY ACEQUIA ELECTION RULES

The Arenal Acequia is a community ditch which supplied water from the Rio Grande through its historic head gate on the west side of the Rio Grande River from old Albuquerque. The Arenal Acequia is an ancient acequia established by the Atrisco Community Land Grant on October 7, 1692.

The modern point of diversion is located at the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 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 Arenal acequia historic point of diversion which is located at the S.W. corner Sec. 13 Township 10N Range 2E bears West 3,200 feet irrigating 1,150 acres. As the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District has constructed waterways which have engrossed ancient ditches irrigators are now also using the Arenal Main Canal.

The members or parciantes of Arenal Community Acequia are those persons who have declared their Pre-1907 water rights from the Arenal Acequia that can be served from the canals described above. Only those members who are not delinquent in the payment of their acequia assessments shall have "good standing" in the Acequia. See 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 or their proxy. 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 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.