

LFC Requester: _____

AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS

SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Check all that apply:
Original Amendment _____
Correction _____ Substitute _____

Date 2/11/2025
Bill No: SB332

Sponsor: Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez
Short Title: Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Wildfire Prevention Measures

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
	\$5,000.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
	\$5,000.0		Nonrecurring	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act:**

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

SB332 appropriates \$5,000,000 in reverting funds to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) to administer for the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) to conduct wildfire prevention measures that include clean-up of underbrush, tree thinning, and cattle grazing.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB332 provisions provide an additional \$5,000,000 in funding for wildfire prevention within the Middle Rio Grande area of the Bosque Forest system. Appropriations will allow other agencies and partners to leverage funding.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

EMNRD notes that SB332 does not detail whether wildfire prevention measures align with the 2020 New Mexico Forest Action Plan. The Forestry Division (FD) enters into memorandums of agreement and governmental service agreements with the MRGCD to perform Bosque and watershed restoration treatments on and off MRGCD property that align with Division and Forest Action Plan strategies. FD, through its Bernalillo District Office serves as technical specialists to provide technical support to MRGCD regarding fuel mitigation, fire hazard reduction and wildfire prevention.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

SB332 may support the ability of MRGCD to increase its capacity to conduct effective wildfire prevention within MRGCD property boundaries. FD, Bernalillo District Office, serves as a technical specialist provider and resource to MRGCD regarding implementation recommendations of SB332 provisions.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If SB332 does not pass, MRGCD may not have the ability to conduct extensive and essential wildfire prevention and may be required to seek funding sources from other agencies or partners. This may impact the ability to promote local workforce opportunities and effectively mitigate wildfire risk and protect watersheds and water sources.

AMENDMENTS