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LET IT FLOW – A new agreement could amend the 83-year-old Rio Grande Compact that determines how Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado share water from the river. If allowed by the Supreme Court, the decree would end the lawsuit that has lasted nearly a decade and cost Texas and New Mexico taxpayers tens of millions of dollars. A healthy Rio Grande, above, flows through El Paso County’s Upper Valley.

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“Our next step will depend on the decisions the United States has to make as to whether they take exception,” Barncastle told reporters.

The irrigation district in

Southern New Mexico is not a party in the case but is still involved in the settlement discussions, addresses the court, and holds significant water rights in the region.

In a recent news report, Reed Benson, a professor in water law at the University of New Mexico School of Law, stated

that the federal government’s situation is unusual in this case.

“I think that the feds are going to have a hard time keeping the Supreme Court from approving the settlement,” Benson stated. “They clearly did not convince the special

master that their interests were sufficiently compelling to block the settlement, and he thinks it’s a reasonable settlement.”

However, Benson also speculated that because the Supreme Court allowed the federal government to

intervene in the case, it may put greater weight on the federal government’s concerns if objections to the special master’s report are submitted.

“This ain’t over until it is,” he surmised, “we all have to recognize that there may still be a twist in this tale.”

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Public Notice Village of Vinton, Texas

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:30 p.m., September 19, 2023 at City Hall located at 436 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, TX 79821 and streamed through the zoom.us platform at the following URL:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2520023141?pwd=WVRDZDIFR3ZHR3FJVIJUL3ZLWTB6dz09>
Personal Meeting ID: 252 002 3141 **Passcode:** 12345.

The purpose of the public Hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify regarding the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget.

Members of the public are invited to attend and participate in the Village Council's September 19th regular council meeting where the public can testify regarding the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget.

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR’S BUDGET BY \$3,002 OR 0.28%, AND OF THAT AMOUNT, \$4,042 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.

Those unable to attend are invited to submit their views in writing to the Village of Vinton, Attn: Mayor Rachel Quintana, 436 E. Vinton Road. City Hall is accessible for handicapped persons in need of special assistance to attend the hearing are encouraged to contact the Village Administrator at (915) 886-5104, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. A copy of the proposed budget is available for review on the Village of Vinton website and at the Village Hall located at 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas 79821.

Andrea N. Carrillo
Village Administrator

Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss San Elizario Independent School District’s State Financial Accountability Rating (FIRST)

The San Elizario Independent School District will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 in the boardroom of the San Elizario ISD Administration Building, 1050 Chicken Ranch Road, San Elizario, Texas.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss San Elizario Independent School District’s rating on the state’s financial accountability system. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the scheduled board of Trustees’ Meeting.