

MINUTES
of the
FIRST MEETING
of the
WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

June 26, 2017
State Capitol, Room 322
Santa Fe

The first meeting of the Water and Natural Resources Committee was called to order by Senator Joseph Cervantes, chair, on June 26, 2017 at 1:25 p.m. in Room 322 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Sen. Joseph Cervantes, Chair
Rep. Bealquin Bill Gomez, Vice Chair
Rep. Matthew McQueen, Vice Chair
Rep. Gail Armstrong
Rep. Randal S. Crowder
Rep. Derrick J. Lente
Rep. Rodolpho "Rudy" S. Martinez
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle
Sen. Sander Rue
Sen. Benny Shendo, Jr.
Sen. Jeff Steinborn
Rep. James R.J. Strickler
Sen. Pat Woods
Rep. Bob Wooley

Advisory Members

Sen. Craig W. Brandt
Rep. George Dodge, Jr.
Rep. Harry Garcia
Sen. Ron Griggs
Rep. Larry A. Larrañaga
Rep. Rick Little
Rep. Sarah Maestas Barnes
Rep. Bill McCamley
Sen. Cisco McSorley
Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino
Sen. Mary Kay Papen
Rep. Debbie A. Rodella
Sen. William E. Sharer
Sen. Peter Wirth

Absent

Rep. Paul C. Bandy
Rep. Nathan P. Small
Sen. Mimi Stewart
Rep. Carl Trujillo

Sen. Pete Campos
Rep. Sharon Clahchischilliage
Sen. Carlos R. Cisneros
Rep. Rebecca Dow
Rep. Brian Egolf
Rep. Candy Spence Ezzell
Rep. Yvette Herrell
Sen. Stuart Ingle
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Sen. Gay G. Kernan
Sen. Carroll H. Leavell
Sen. Linda M. Lopez
Rep. Javier Martínez
Sen. Steven P. Neville

Rep. Greg Nibert
Sen. Nancy Rodriguez
Rep. Angelica Rubio
Rep. Patricio Ruiloba
Rep. Tomás E. Salazar
Sen. John Arthur Smith

Staff

Jon Boller, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Shawna Casebier, LCS
Jeret Fleetwood, LCS

Guests

The guest list is in the meeting file.

Handouts

Handouts and other written testimony can be found in the meeting file or on the New Mexico Legislature's website at www.nmlegis.gov.

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Senator Cervantes began the meeting by having members of the committee, audience and staff introduce themselves.

Discussion of 2017 Interim Work Plan and Itinerary

Senator Cervantes noted that the next committee meeting was tentatively scheduled for July 6-7. He suggested moving the meeting from July to September 5-6. He also indicated that he would like the committee to look at a variety of topics concerning geographically varied locations.

The committee developed a work plan, with individual members adding topics they would like the committee to address. The committee also selected the following meeting dates and locations:

- August 1-2 Las Vegas;
- September 5-6 Silver City;
- October 12-13 Socorro; and
- November 13-14 Santa Fe.

Senator Cervantes also discussed his expectations as chair of the committee, noting that he would prefer to hear more than one side of an issue and that agendas not be packed with presenters so that the committee would have more time to discuss issues.

The committee adopted the work plan and revised meeting dates without objection.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 2:35 p.m.