

**2019 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

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Work Plan

The Land Grant Committee was created by the New Mexico Legislative Council on April 29, 2019. As time permits, the committee will review the following topics.

A. Strengthening Governance Capacity:

1. the potential for a recurring funding stream for land grants-mercedes;
2. the parameters of authorizing land grants-mercedes to establish positions analogous to park rangers to prevent vandalism and theft of resources;
3. development of programs at the University of New Mexico (UNM) School of Law for land grants-mercedes and acequia associations in response to Senate Bill 244 (Laws 2019, Chapter 43), including:
 - (a) an examination of client governance needs versus potential curriculum development; and
 - (b) a status report at the end of the interim on the development of new programs and their prospects for fiscal year 2021;
4. management consultation for and intervention in caseload management for acequias that work with the New Mexico Acequia Association (NMAA);

5. coordinated capital outlay funding for priority expenditures;
6. development of a training program for land grant-merced board members in areas of governmental finance, contracting, land use planning and economic development;
7. status reports from the Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty Division of the Office of the Attorney General; and
8. the potential for land grants-mercedes to partner with state or county agencies to provide youth activity, youth drug prevention, library and other community enrichment programs.

B. Land and Water Issues:

1. continued examination of the land divisions at the Cristobal de la Serna Land Grant and the potential to rationalize those divisions into useful properties;
2. continued dialogue with the Department of Game and Fish regarding traditional uses within wildlife management areas and stocking lakes, including a report on the status of the department's "cultural use" proposal;
3. an examination of how access rights are managed at La Sierra for the Sangre de Cristo Land Grant in Colorado as a potential model for management of cultural use access by the Department of Game and Fish;
4. an update on the revision process for U.S. Forest Service management plans;
5. updates from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management regarding cultural and traditional uses on public lands;
6. a report on the transfer of the Laguna del Campo stock pond to the Tierra Amarilla Land Grant-Merced and the management plan for the facility; and
7. the potential and requirements for participation in the U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service's Environmental Quality Incentives Program, known as EQIP, and other assistance programs land grants are eligible for under the 2018 federal Farm Bill.

C. Economic Development:

1. reports on the challenges and plans for development of the Piedra Lumbre Education and Visitor Center project near Abiquiu;
2. presentations on building, or rebuilding, farm-based economies at land grants-mercedes and acequias, including:
 - (a) the potential for hemp production and marketing and associated licensing requirements;
 - (b) how to leverage the current NMAA classroom and apprenticeship programs; and
 - (c) what the U.S. Department of Agriculture's contracts for minority farmers may mean for farm production at land grants-mercedes and acequias; and
3. status updates on business development projects at various land grants-mercedes.

D. Reports from Individual Land Grants-Mercedes and Associated Entities:

1. reports from various land grants-mercedes;
2. review of the New Mexico Land Grant Council's programs and updates from the Land Grant Consejo and the UNM Land Grant Studies Program;
3. reports from the New Mexico Acequia Commission and the NMAA; and
4. a status report on the development of a land grant and acequia archive at UNM-Taos.

**Land Grant Committee
2019 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 17	Santa Fe
July 1-2	Anton Chico
September 16-17	Cristobal de la Serna (Tour of Sangre de Cristo Land Grant)
October 31- November 1	Piedra Lumbre Area (Abiquiu) Tierra Amarilla
November 15	Santa Fe