

Revised: July 24, 2019

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
SECOND MEETING
of the
WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**July 30-31, 2019
Truth or Consequences Civic Center
400 West 4th Street
Truth or Consequences**

Tuesday, July 30

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Welcome**
—Senator Joseph Cervantes, Chair, Water and Natural Resources
 Committee (WNRC)
—Sandra Whitehead, Mayor, Truth or Consequences
- 9:15 a.m. (1) **Lower Rio Grande Water Users and Elephant Butte Irrigation District
(EBID); Negotiations on Water Management in the Lower Rio Grande
and Related Issues**
—John Utton, Attorney, New Mexico State University, Public Service
 Company of New Mexico and Camino Real Regional Utility Authority
—Jay Stein, Attorney, City of Las Cruces
—Samantha Barncastle, Attorney, EBID
—Tyson Achen, Member, Board of Directors, New Mexico Pecan Growers
—Shayne Franzoy, President, Southern Rio Grande Diversified Crop
 Farmers Association
- 10:45 a.m. (2) **EXECUTIVE SESSION (Closed Meeting); Briefing on *Texas v. New
Mexico***
—Tania Maestas, Chief Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney
 General
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (3) **Interbasin Water Transfer Policy Considerations**
—Adrian Oglesby, Director, Utton Transboundary Resources Center
- 2:00 p.m. (4) **History of Elephant Butte Dam and EBID**
—Gary Esslinger, Treasurer and Manager, EBID
- 3:00 p.m. (5) **Elephant Butte Dam Water Level Impacts on Ecology and Economy**
—Earl Conway, Conservation Director, New Mexico BASS Nation

4:00 p.m. **Recess**

4:30 p.m. **Reconvene at Marina del Sur for Tour of Elephant Butte Dam***
*This tour is invitation-only for legislative committee members and staff.

6:30 p.m. **Recess**

Wednesday, July 31

9:00 a.m. **Reconvene**
—Senator Joseph Cervantes, Chair, WNRC

9:15 a.m. (6) **Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) Overview; Middle Rio Grande Levee Projects; Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 Collaborative Compliance Efforts; Cooperative Management of the Middle Rio Grande for Water Deliveries**
—Karen Dunning, Chair, Board of Directors, MRGCD
—Mike A. Hamman, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Engineer, MRGCD
—Rolf Schmidt-Petersen, Director, Interstate Stream Commission

10:45 a.m. (7) **Understanding Water Conservation**
—J. Phillip King, P.E., Ph.D., M.B.A., Professor and Associate Department Head, Department of Civil Engineering, New Mexico State University; Consultant, EBID

12:15 p.m. (8) **Copper Flat Mine Update**
—Jeffrey Smith, P.E., Chief Operating Officer, Copper Flat Mine
—Fernando Martinez, Director, Mining and Minerals Division, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
—Max Yeh, Researcher, Percha/Animas Watershed Association

1:30 p.m. **Adjourn**