

**2017 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

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Work Plan

The Water and Natural Resources Committee was created by the New Mexico Legislative Council on June 5, 2017. The committee proposes to focus on the following topics, as scheduling permits:

1. drinking water supply challenges in rural New Mexico;
2. forest and watershed restoration and treatment projects/forest management issues;
3. acequia project funding and water rights issues;

4. the Indian water rights settlement progress and next steps; and Santa Fe County's position on the Aamodt settlement;
5. Water Infrastructure Team report from the Department of Environment; and the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund and state auditor report on water infrastructure funding;
6. Jicarilla Apache Nation game and fish management policies and practices;
7. Department of Game and Fish elk management policies and other department issues;
8. energy generation and electric transmission issues and Senate Memorial 102 (2017 regular session) Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department report;
9. Arizona Water Settlements Act of 2004 update from the Interstate Stream Commission and New Mexico CAP Entity on Gila River diversion proposals;
10. funding of water supply projects in southwest New Mexico;
11. southwest New Mexico ground water issues;
12. Interstate Stream Commission structure and appointment process;
13. regional and state water planning progress and issues;
14. Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District overview; federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 challenges; water operations in the middle valley; report on levees in the middle Rio Grande; Rio Grande Compact litigation update; and municipal issues;
15. priority administration progress on water rights adjudications and active water resource management rules;
16. interbasin transport of water and area of origin protection;
17. water utility governance issues;
18. Colorado River contingency planning and outlook;
19. reports required by statute from the state engineer and the Interstate Stream Commission;
20. agriculture resilience planning and development;

21. Senate Memorial 127 and House Memorial 95 (both from the 2017 regular session) — electric power rates, rural electric cooperatives and the energy sector;
22. changes in federal administration concerning water and environmental policies;
23. Kirtland fuel spill update;
24. Carlsbad brine well collapse update; and
25. oil and gas industry issues.

**Water and Natural Resources Committee
2017 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 26	Santa Fe
August 1-2	Las Vegas
September 5-6	Silver City
October 12-13	Socorro
November 13-14	Santa Fe