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TENTATIVE AGENDA
Legislative Finance Committee
Las Cruces, New Mexico
June 27 - 29, 2023

Tuesday, June 27

Meeting Location
NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum
4100 Dripping Springs Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88011

- 8:30 -- [Welcoming Remarks](#) -- Susana Chaparro, Doña Ana County Commission Chair; Ken Miyagishima, Las Cruces Mayor; Ifo Pili, Las Cruces City Manager
- 9:00 -- [Local Perspectives on Texas v. New Mexico and the Future of the Lower Rio Grande](#) -- Mike Hamman, State Engineer; Gary Esslinger, Manager, Elephant Butte Irrigation District; Adrienne Widmer, Director, Las Cruces Utilities; Sam Fernald, Director, Water Resources Research Institute, New Mexico State University
- Current Conditions
 - Overview of *Texas v. New Mexico* Proposed Consent Decree
 - Local Perspectives On What's At Stake Post-Settlement
 - Agriculture
 - Municipal growth
 - Research Questions and NMSU Resources
- [Settlement Implementation and Opportunities for Innovation](#) -- John Longworth, Senior Projects Manager, Office of the State Engineer; Phil King, Engineering Consultant, Elephant Butte Irrigation District; Jennifer Faler, Area Manager, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Hannah Riseley-White, Interim Director, Interstate Stream Commission; Mike Hamman, State Engineer
- Desired Outcomes and Long-Term Role for the State
 - Rethinking Sources of Water Supply
 - Plans for Major Special Appropriations and Capital Outlay
 - Federal Funding Opportunities
- 11:00 -- [LegisStat: New Mexico Environment Department](#) -- James Kenney, Secretary, New Mexico Environment Department
- 12:00 -- Lunch
- 1:15 -- [Economic Development in the Border Region](#) -- Jerry Pacheco, President and Chief Executive Officer, Border Industrial Association; Kathy Hansen, Director and Chief Executive Officer, Arrowhead Center; Joseph De La Rosa, Senior Advisor for Global Trade and Infrastructure Investments, Departments of Transportation and Economic Development, and Chair, Border Authority Board of Directors; Eric Montgomery, Regional Director, El Paso Electric
- Progress on Legislative Investments on the Border
 - Arrowhead Park Economic Development Strategies
 - Obstacles and Opportunities for Economic Development in the Border Region
 - Renewable Energy Efforts to Support Economic Development

Tuesday, June 27 (continued)

- 3:00 -- [Cultural Affairs Update](#) -- Debra Garcia y Griego, Secretary, Department of Cultural Affairs; Michelle Gallagher Roberts, Deputy Secretary, Department of Cultural Affairs
- Status on Improvements of Facilities Outside of Santa Fe
 - Upcoming Exhibit Plans and Future Exhibit Development
 - Update on Staffing
 - Turnover in Agency
 - Vacancy Rates
 - Plans for Hiring Newly Funded Staff in FY24
- 4:00 -- [Tour NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum](#) *(Closed-Toe Shoes Required on the Outdoor Tour)*
-- Heather Reed, Executive Director, NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum
- 5:00 -- Adjourn

Wednesday, June 28

- 8:30 -- [Welcoming Remarks](#) -- Jay Gogue, Interim Chancellor, New Mexico State University
- 8:45 -- [Research Agenda](#) -- Jay Gogue, Interim Chancellor, New Mexico State University; Michael Doyle, Vice President for Research, New Mexico Tech; Alisha Giron, Associate Vice President for Research, New Mexico State University; Thomas Turner, Interim Associate Vice President for Research, University of New Mexico; Hengameh Raissy, Interim Vice President for Research, University of New Mexico
- Description of Research Focus Areas and Priorities
 - Highlights of Current Research Projects
 - Technology Enhancement Fund Awards and Eligibility
 - Technology Commercialization and Transfer
- 10:30 -- [Research Spotlight: Desalination](#) -- Pei Xu, Professor, New Mexico State University, and Research Director, New Mexico Produced Water Consortium
- Commercial Application for Desalination Technology
 - Role of New Mexico Institutions in Technological Development
- 11:30 -- [Optional Tour of New Mexico State University Labs](#) -- Pei Xu, Professor, New Mexico State University, and Research Director, New Mexico Produced Water Consortium
- Water Treatment and Reuse Labs
- Lunch
- 1:00 -- Depart for El Paso
- 2:00 -- [Kay Bailey Hutchison Desalination Plant Tour](#) *(Closed-Toe Shoes Required)*
- 4:00 -- Adjourn

Thursday, June 29

- 8:00 -- [Behavioral Health](#) -- Kari Armijo, Acting Secretary, Human Services Department; Alex Castillo Smith, Deputy Secretary, Human Services Department; Margaret McCowen, Director, Behavioral Health Providers Association of New Mexico
- Medicaid and Non-Medicaid Rates
 - Funding Across Departments
 - Workforce Support
 - Status of HSD/CYFD Behavioral Health Provider Startup Costs and FY23 Funding

Thursday, June 29

9:30 -- [Progress Report: Juvenile Justice Facilities](#) -- John Campbell, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee; Teresa Casados, Acting Secretary, Children, Youth and Families Department

11:00 -- Miscellaneous Committee Business

Action Items

- 1) Approval of LFC May Meeting Minutes
- 2) Approval of LFC Contracts

Review of Monthly Financial Reports & Information Items

- 3) LFC FY23 Budget Status
- 4) BAR Report
- 5) Cash Balance Report
- 6) 3rd Quarter State Agency Performance Report Cards
- 7) Full Time Employees by Agency
- 8) Correspondence
- 9) LFC Staff Brief: State Land Office Royalty Rates
- 10) Program Evaluation Status Report

12:00 -- Adjourn

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