

**2018 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 April 26, 2018. The committee proposes to focus on the following topics, as scheduling permits:

A. topics concerning energy, including:

1. an update on the New Mexico Energy Roadmap and its implementation;

2. issues regarding energy generation and electric transmission, including an overview and updates from the New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority;
 3. issues regarding the oil and gas industry;
 4. issues regarding energy efficiency best practices and incentives;
 5. the closure and reclamation of the San Juan Generating Station, including transition planning;
 6. updates from the wind and solar energy industries, including community solar;
 7. the Renewable Portfolio Standard;
 8. the effect of energy regulations on the development of the energy industry;
 9. the report regarding the Escalante Generating Station pursuant to 2018 House Memorial 41; and
 10. the report from the Clean Energy Policy Task Force pursuant to 2018 Senate Memorial 97;
- B. topics concerning wildlife, including:
1. issues regarding game, fish and other wildlife management missions, policies, practices and funding;
 2. the State Game Commission, including its mission, structure and royalty rate;
 3. management of wild horses, wolves, the meadow jumping mouse and other animals; and
 4. wildlife rehabilitation;
- C. topics concerning water, including:
1. issues regarding forest and watershed restoration and management;
 2. issues regarding storm water and wastewater;
 3. issues regarding water supply and pollution;

4. issues regarding inter-basin water transfer projects;
 5. issues regarding the interstate rivers, including:
 - a. updates regarding Rio Grande Compact litigation; and
 - b. updates regarding Arizona Water Settlements Act/Gila River diversion;
 6. issues regarding the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority water utility governance pursuant to 2018 House Memorial 102;
 7. a report from the Office of the State Engineer;
 8. reports required by statute from the Interstate Stream Commission (ISC), including reports on the updates to the state water plan, the New Mexico Unit Fund and the strategic water reserve;
 9. the report pursuant to 2017 House Memorial 1 from the ISC task force on state and regional water planning programs and processes;
 10. the Navajo water settlement;
 11. the San Juan-Chama diversion and its effect on water supplies in Santa Fe, Taos and Albuquerque;
 12. the State Land Office and water for oil and gas operations;
 13. funding for flood control projects and flood emergency preparedness;
 14. updates from regional water authorities, including conservation efforts;
 15. acequias and mutual domestic water associations and mechanisms to fund both;
 16. ways to assist rural communities facing water scarcity; and
 17. aquifer mapping and consolidation of mapping data; and
- D. other topics concerning natural resources, including:
1. issues regarding mining, including the Copper Flat Mine;
 2. an update on the remediation of the Carlsbad brine well and the expenditure of funds appropriated;

3. updates on the chromium plume cleanup at Los Alamos;
4. the development, promotion and coordination of outdoor recreation;
5. state park fees;
6. proposed taxes and tax credits, including an excise tax on outdoor recreational gear and tax credits for restoration or conservation of land or other natural resources;
7. climate change;
8. trucking industry regulations and their impacts on the agricultural industry;
9. an update on the Resilience in New Mexico Agriculture Strategic Plan;
10. the report required by statute from the Rio Grande Trail Commission; and
11. the report regarding state agency decision making that affects the environment pursuant to 2018 Senate Memorial 94.

**Water and Natural Resources Committee
2018 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 15	Santa Fe
July 26-27	Farmington
August 30-31	Chama
October 2-3	Roswell
November 29-30	Santa Fe