

Revised: August 24, 2026

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
THIRD MEETING
of the
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

**August 25-26, 2026
Northern New Mexico College
921 North Paseo de Oñate
Española**

Tuesday, August 25

- 10:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
 —Senator Leo Jaramillo, Chair
- 10:15 a.m. (1) **Welcome and Status Update**
 —Hector Balderas, President, Northern New Mexico College
- 11:15 a.m. (2) **Fire, Flood and Drought Response and Recovery Status at Land Grants-Mercedes**
 —Melvin Apodaca, Board President, Tierra Amarilla Land Grant-Merced
 —Steve Vigil, Board President, Santo Domingo de Cundiyo Land Grant-Merced
 —Juan Lopez, President, Santo Tomas Apostol del Rio de Las Trampas Land Grant-Merced
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m. (3) **Fire, Flood and Drought Response and Recovery Status at Acequias**
 —Ron Gallegos, President, Santa Cruz Irrigation District
 —Sam Garcia, President, Rio de Chama Acequia Association
 —Harold Trujillo, President, La Asociacion de las Acequias del Valle de Mora
 —Helen Perraglio, Commissioner, Acequia de los Gallegos
- 2:15 p.m. (4) **Challenges and Recommendations for Acequia Disaster Recovery**
 —Paula Garcia, Executive Director, New Mexico Acequia Association
 —Jonathan Macias, Chief, Capital Navigation and Funding Bureau, Infrastructure Planning and Development Division, Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)
 —Jeremy Klass, Ph.D., Chief, Recovery and Mitigation Bureau, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department (HSEMD)
 —John Cyle Sharp, Public Assistance Lead for Acequias, Recovery and Mitigation Bureau, HSEMD

3:15 p.m. (5) [Thoughts Regarding a Programmatic Approach to Disaster Response in Rural Communities](#)

—Jonathan Macias, Chief, Capital Navigation and Funding Bureau,
Infrastructure Planning and Development Division, DFA

—Jason Quintana, Rural and Frontier Equity Ombud, DFA

—Michael Gilmore, Rural and Frontier Equity Ombud, DFA

4:15 p.m. **Public Comment***

4:45 p.m. **Recess**

Wednesday, August 26

9:00 a.m. (6) [Impact of Appeals Court Opinion in Immunity Case and Potential Need for Legislation](#)

—Enrique Romero, Assistant Attorney General and Director, Guadalupe
Hidalgo Treaty Division, Department of Justice

10:00 a.m. **Acequias Tour****

1:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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