

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

**August 31-September 1, 2026
Joseph A. Fidel Center
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
1 Olive Lane
Socorro**

Monday, August 31

- 9:15 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Representative Kristina Ortez, Chair
—Senator Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics, Vice Chair
- 9:30 a.m. (1) **Welcome and Local Updates**
—Ravi Bhasker, Mayor, City of Socorro
—Mike Timmons, Director and State Geologist, Bureau of Geology and
Mineral Resources, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
(NMT)
- 10:00 a.m. (2) **Unit Fund Updates, Water Infrastructure Funding and Responding to
Water Emergencies**
—Jesse Shapiro, Manager, Arizona Water Settlements Act, Interstate Stream
Commission (ISC)
—Priscilla Lucero, Executive Director, Southwest New Mexico Council of
Governments; Grant County Regional Water Project
—Marquita Russel, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), New Mexico Finance
Authority
—Joe Martinez, Chief, Drinking Water Bureau, Water Protection Division,
Department of Environment (NMED)
- 11:00 a.m. (3) **Texas v. New Mexico Settlement and Rio Grande Compact Status;
Regional Water Management, Metering and Water Law Enforcement**
—Elizabeth "Liz" Anderson, State Engineer, Office of the State Engineer
(OSE)
—Hannah Riseley-White, Director, ISC
—Greg Daviet, Board Vice President, Elephant Butte Irrigation District
—Jason Casuga, Chief Engineer and CEO, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy
District (MRGCD)

- 12:15 p.m. **Public Comment***
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m. (4) **Data Centers, Part 2: Water Use**
—Nat Chakeres, General Counsel, OSE
—Margaret Cook, Ph.D., Vice President, Water and Community Resilience,
Houston Advanced Research Center
—TBD, Meta
- 2:45 p.m. **Approval of Minutes and Break**
- 3:00 p.m. (5) **Middle Rio Grande: Bosque Management, Drought Impacts, Water Delivery and Conservation Strategies**
—Sharon Wirth, Bureau Chief, Middle Rio Grande Basin, ISC
—Casey Ish, Director, Lands and Conservation, MRGCD
—Will Kolbensschlag, District Manager, Socorro Soil and Water Conservation District
—Amy Erickson, Conservation Specialist, Rio Grande Agricultural Land Trust (RGALT)
- 4:00 p.m. (6) **Conservation Easements**
—Jonathan Hayden, Executive Director, New Mexico Land Conservancy
—Cecilia Rosacker, Executive Director, RGALT
—Ron Moya, Farmer and Conservation Easement Landowner
- 4:45 p.m. **Conservation Easement Farm Tour (Committee Members and Committee Staff Only)**

Tuesday, September 1

- 9:15 a.m. (7) **Water Data Act and Aquifer Mapping Program Updates**
—Rachel Hobbs, Water Data Program Manager, Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, NMT
—Stacy Timmons, Associate Director, Hydrogeology Programs, Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, NMT
—Sean Connell, Ph.D., Senior Research Scientist, Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, NMT
- 10:30 a.m. (8) **Geothermal: Exploration, Development and Funding**
—Rebecca "Puck" Stair, Director, Energy Conservation and Management Division, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
—Shari Kelley, Lead Research Scientist, Geothermal Program, Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, NMT
—Jackson Grimes, Director of Global Engagement, InnerSpace Action

—TBD, XGS

11:45 a.m. **Public Comment***

12:00 noon **Lunch**

12:45 p.m. (9) [Strategic Water Supply: Brackish Development Projects and Grant Funding](#)

—Jonas Armstrong, Director, Water Protection Division, NMED

—Jennifer Raney, Deputy Director, Petroleum Recovery Research Center,
NMT

—TBD

2:00 p.m. (10) [Water Filtration Technology and Mineral Recovery and Valorization Potential](#)

—Jianjia Yu, Ph.D., Research Scientist, Assistant Professor, Chemical
Engineering, NMT

—Steve Grey, Owner and President, Grey LLC

—John Byrom, Chief Commercial Officer, Process Equipment and Service
Company

3:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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