

Revised: November 18, 2025

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

**November 17-18, 2025
State Capitol, Room 322
Santa Fe**

Monday, November 17

- 9:15 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Senator Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics, Chair, Water and Natural Resources
Committee (WNRC)
—Representative Matthew McQueen, Vice Chair, WNRC
- 9:30 a.m. (1) **Climate Change Impacts and Proposed Legislation**
—Ali Rye, Secretary, Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Department
—Adrian Avila, Principal Fiscal Analyst, New Mexico Senate Majority
Office
—Senator Mimi Stewart
- 10:15 a.m. (2) **Community Solar Update and Public Regulation Commission (PRC)
Session Priorities**
—Cholla Khoury, Chief of Staff, PRC
—John Kreienkamp, Deputy Director, Legal Division, PRC
- 11:15 a.m. (3) **Solar: Industry Status, Options and Access**
—Rebecca Puck Stair, Director, Energy Conservation and Management
Division (ECAM), Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources
Department (EMNRD)
—Christian Casillas, Ph.D., Executive Director, Coalition of Sustainable
Communities New Mexico
—Jim DesJardins, Executive Director, Renewable Energy Industries
Association of New Mexico
- 12:15 p.m. **Public Comment***
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

- 1:00 p.m. (4) [Community Energy Efficiency Development Projects Update](#)
—Rebecca Puck Stair, Director, ECAM, EMNRD
—Ann Simon, Deputy Director of Environmental Health, and Sustainability Officer, City of Albuquerque
- 2:00 p.m. (5) [Senate Memorial 2 \(2025\) Report: Wildfire Study Group](#)
—Ben Bajema, Policy Director, EMNRD
—Elisabeth Johnson, Associate General Counsel and Legislative Liaison, Office of Superintendent of Insurance
—Riaz Mohammed, Wildfire Regulatory Policy Specialist, Xcel Energy
- 3:00 p.m. (6) [Strategic Water Reserve Update and Office of the State Engineer \(OSE\) and Interstate Stream Commission \(ISC\) Session Priorities](#)
—Anjali Bean, Senior Policy Advisor, Western Resource Advocates
—Hannah Risely-White, Director, ISC
—Elizabeth Anderson, State Engineer, OSE
- 4:00 p.m. (7) [Aquifer Mapping Program and Water Data Act Updates](#)
—Stacy Timmons, Associate Director, Hydrogeology Programs, Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources (NMBGMR), New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (NM Tech)
—Sean Connell, Ph.D., Senior Research Scientist, NMBGMR, NM Tech
—Rachel Hobbs, Water Data Program Manager, NMBGMR, NM Tech
- 5:00 p.m. **Recess**

Tuesday, November 18

- 8:30 a.m. (8) [Water and Natural Resources — Workforce Development Wrap-Up](#)
—Sarita Nair, Secretary, Workforce Solutions Department
—Xochitl Torres Small, Executive Director, Quivira Coalition
—Eli Cuna, Executive Director, The Semilla Project
- 9:30 a.m. (9) [Los Alamos National Laboratory Cleanup, Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances \(PFAS\) Updates and Department of Environment \(NMED\) Session Priorities](#)
—James Kenney, Secretary, NMED
—John S. Rhoderick, Deputy Secretary for Administration, NMED
- 10:30 a.m. (10) [PFAS: Health Impacts](#)
—Jean-Luc E. Cartron, M.D., Ph.D., Research Professor, Department of Biology, and Associate, Museum of Southwest Biology, University of New Mexico
—Wendy Johnson, M.D., M.P.H., Family Physician; Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of New Mexico

- 11:15 a.m. (11) [Senate Memorial 19 \(2025\) Report: New Mexico Meat, Cheese and Produce in Schools](#)
—Jason New, Director, Marketing and Development Division, New Mexico Department of Agriculture
—Michael Chavez, Director, Student Success and Wellness Bureau, Public Education Department
—Joe Madrid, Owner, U.S.A. Beef Packing, LLC
—Alena Paisano, Director, Approved Supplier Program, New Mexico Farmers' Marketing Association

12:15 p.m. **Lunch**

- 1:00 p.m. (12) [Funding Cuts: Impacts on Energy and the Environment](#)
—Austin Davidson, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee
—Edward Martinez, Ph.D., Deputy Director, Operations and Development, New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute
—Luis A. Reyes, Jr., Chief Executive Officer, Kit Carson Electric Cooperative
—Robert S. Balch, Ph.D., Director, Petroleum Recovery Research Center, NM Tech

Discussion of Proposed Legislation

- 2:00 p.m. (13) [Land Grant-Merced and Acequia Infrastructure Fund — .232274.4](#)
—Representative Miguel P. García

- 2:20 p.m. (14) [Green Amendment — .232673.1](#)
—Representative Joanne J. Ferrary
—Senator Shannon D. Pinto

- 2:40 p.m. (15) [Oil and Gas Reclamation Fund Changes — .232553.2](#)
—Representative Mark B. Murphy

- 3:00 p.m. (16) [ISC Funding — .232521.1](#)
—Senator Joshua A. Sanchez
—Senator Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics

3:20 p.m. **Adjourn**

*Members of the public may make virtual public comments during the public comment period of the meeting by following the instructions under the "Additional Information" section of the WNRC [web page](#).