

**MINUTES
of the
FIRST MEETING
of the
WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**June 3, 2024
State Capitol, Room 307
Santa Fe**

The first meeting of the Water and Natural Resources Committee (WNRC) was called to order by Senator Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics, chair, on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 9:31 a.m. in Room 307 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics, Chair
Rep. Matthew McQueen, Vice Chair
Rep. Micaela Lara Cadena
Sen. Pete Campos
Rep. Kathleen Cates
Sen. Candy Spence Ezzell
Rep. Miguel P. García
Rep. Jonathan A. Henry
Rep. Joshua N. Hernandez
Rep. Debra M. Sariñana
Sen. Larry R. Scott
Rep. Elaine Sena Cortez
Sen. James G. Townsend
Rep. Martin R. Zamora

Advisory Members

Sen. Craig W. Brandt
Sen. Angel M. Charley
Rep. Nicole Chavez
Rep. Eleanor Chávez
Rep. Martha Garcia
Rep. Charlotte Little
Sen. Linda M. López
Rep. Stefani Lord
Rep. Tara L. Lujan
Rep. Angelita Mejia
Rep. Tanya Mirabal Moya
Rep. Rod Montoya
Rep. Mark B. Murphy
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez

Absent

Sen. Joseph Cervantes
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Rep. Marian Matthews
Sen. Micaelita Debbie O'Malley
Rep. Kristina Ortez
Rep. Angelica Rubio
Sen. Jeff Steinborn

Rep. Gail Armstrong
Rep. Jack Chatfield
Rep. Meredith A. Dixon
Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary
Sen. Antonio Maestas
Rep. Javier Martínez
Rep. Randall T. Pettigrew
Rep. Nathan P. Small
Sen. Pat Woods

Sen. Mimi Stewart
Sen. Anthony L. Thornton
Rep. Harlan Vincent
Sen. Peter Wirth

Staff

Sara Wiedmaier, Researcher, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Galaxy Dancer, Word Processor, LCS

Guests

The guest list is in the meeting file.

Handouts

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and posted on the legislature's website.

References to Webcast

The time reference noted next to each agenda item in this document is cross-referenced to the recorded webcast of the committee meeting, which can be found at www.nmlegis.gov, under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and committee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

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Welcome and Introductions (9:31 a.m.)

Senator Stefanics welcomed everyone to the meeting, and committee members and staff introduced themselves.

Post-Session Report: WNRC-Related Legislation (9:44 a.m.)

Ms. Wiedmaier gave an overview of WNRC-related legislation from the 2025 legislative session that passed, did not pass or was vetoed or partially vetoed by the governor. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=WNR&Date=6/3/2025&ItemNumber=1>.

Discussion of the 2025 Work Plan and Meeting Schedule (10:01 a.m.)

Committee members discussed and offered suggestions for revising the WNRC's proposed work plan and meeting schedule for the 2025 interim. Each member stated which issues were of greatest importance for that member's respective constituents. Meeting locations

were debated and are to be determined. The proposed 2025 work plan and meeting schedule can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=WNR&Date=6/3/2025&ItemNumber=2>.

Public Comment (10:50 a.m.)

A list of individuals who made public comment is available in the meeting file.

Post-Session Budget Report: Natural Resources (10:58 a.m.)

Austin Davidson, fiscal analyst, Legislative Finance Committee, provided a post-session overview of the General Appropriation Act of 2025 and recurring General Fund and other relevant appropriations for state agencies that deal with natural resources. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=WNR&Date=6/3/2025&ItemNumber=3>.

Public Comment (11:26 a.m.)

A list of individuals who made public comment is available in the meeting file.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.