**Revised: October 26, 2026**

# TENTATIVE AGENDA
# for the
# FIFTH MEETING
# of the
# WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**October 26-27, 2026**
**State Capitol, Room 307**
**Santa Fe**

## Monday, October 26

9:15 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Representative Kristina Ortez, Chair
—Senator Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics, Vice Chair

9:30 a.m. (1) **Greenhouse Gas Inventory, Climate Action Plan Updates and Clean Fuels Rulemaking and Implementation**
—Claudia Borchert, Chief, Climate Change Bureau, Environmental Protection Division, Department of Environment (NMED)

10:45 a.m. (2) **Agricultural Sector Emissions and Reduction Strategies**
—Robert Hagevoort, Ph.D., Professor and Extension Dairy Specialist, Agricultural Science Center at Clovis, New Mexico State University; Member, New Mexico Ag-Climate Working Group
—Don Schreiber, Rancher, Rio Arriba County; Member, New Mexico Ag-Climate Working Group

11:30 a.m. (3) **Los Alamos National Laboratory Legacy Waste Shipments to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant**
—Cynthia Weehler, Organizer, Fire on the Mountain

12:00 noon **Public Comment***

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

1:00 p.m. (4) **NMED Updates and Session Priorities**
—James Kenney, Secretary, NMED

2:15 p.m. (5) **Water Security Planning, Water System Regionalization and Storm Water Management**
—Hannah Riseley-White, Director, Interstate Stream Commission (ISC)
—Jonas Armstrong, Director, Water Protection Division, NMED
—Joe Martinez, Chief, Drinking Water Bureau, NMED
—Estevan Lopez, President, La Jicarita Domestic Water Alliance
—Jennifer Kleitz, District Manager, Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation District

3:45 p.m. (6) **Office of the State Engineer (OSE) and ISC Session Priorities, Water Education Efforts and Water Ambassador Priorities**
—Elizabeth "Liz" Anderson, State Engineer, OSE
—Hannah Riseley-White, Director, ISC
—Gretel Follingstad, Ph.D., Senior Manager, Climate Resilient Water Systems, Environmental Defense Fund; Member, New Mexico Water Ambassadors

5:00 p.m. **Recess**

**Tuesday, October 27**

9:15 a.m (7) **Public Regulation Commission (PRC) Session Priorities: Regulatory Framework for Small Water Utilities**
—Cholla Khoury, Chief of Staff, PRC
—John Kreienkamp, Section Chief, Public Interest Advocacy, PRC

10:15 a.m. (8) **Rio Grande Trail Update**
—Carl Colonius, Program Manager, New Mexico Outdoor Recreation Division (ORD), Economic Development Department (EDD)

10:45 a.m. (9) **Outdoor Equity Fund Projects, Community Impacts and Funding Needs**
—Evan Pilling, Grants Coordinator, ORD, EDD
—Chas Robles, Executive Director, Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps
—Leerae Lester, Member, Mescalero Apache Tribe

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

12:00 noon **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. (10) **Acequias: Capacity Building, Infrastructure and Disaster Recovery**
—Paula Garcia, Executive Director, New Mexico Acequia Association
—Mary Mascarenas, Chair, Acequia Commission

2:00 p.m. (11) **New World Screwworm Updates and Port Reopening**
—Belinda Garland, Executive Director, New Mexico Livestock Board

2:30 p.m. (12) **Discussion of Proposed Legislation**
—Members, Water and Natural Resources Committee

4:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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