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TENTATIVE AGENDA for the SECOND MEETING of the WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

July 10-11, 2023 Luna Community College Media Education Center 366 Luna Drive Las Vegas

Monday, July 10

9:30 a.m.		Call to Order and Introductions —Senator Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics, Chair, Water and Natural Resources Committee (WNRC) —Representative Matthew McQueen, Vice Chair, WNRC
9:45 a.m.	(1)	Welcome and Updates on Luna Community College and the City of Las Vegas Forest and Watershed Restoration Efforts —Edward A. Martinez, Ph.D., President, Luna Community College —Louie Trujillo, Mayor, City of Las Vegas
10:45 a.m.	(2)	Regional Transmission Organization 101 and Renewable Transmission Buildout in New Mexico —Fernando Martinez, Executive Director, New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority —Rikki Seguin, Executive Director, Interwest Energy Alliance —Kathleen Staks, Executive Director, Western Freedom —Luis A. Reyes Jr., Chief Executive Officer, Kit Carson Electric Cooperative
12:00 noon		Public Comment*
12:15 p.m.		Lunch
1:15 p.m.	(3)	Cimarron Dam Condition and Cimarroncito Reservoir Update —Matthew E. Gonzales, Mayor, Village of Cimarron
1:45 p.m	(4)	 State Environmental Tax Incentive Programs —Jeremy Lewis, Acting Director, Energy Conservation and Management Division, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) —Michelle Miano, Director, Environmental Protection Division, Department of Environment (NMED)

- 2:45 p.m. (5) Rio Grande Trail: Stakeholder Engagement, Trail Implementation and Commission Update
 - —Toby Velasquez, Director, State Parks Division, EMNRD
 - -Katrina Arndt, A.I.C.P., Associate Planner, Pland Collaborative
- 3:45 p.m (6) <u>Statewide Forest Management: Wildfire Recovery, Prescribed Burn</u> Practices and an Update on the Rio Grande Water Fund Projects
 - —Laura McCarthy, State Forester, Forestry Division, EMNRD
 - —Steve Bassett, Director of Conservation Programs, New Mexico Chapter, The Nature Conservancy
 - —Zander Evans, Executive Director, Forest Stewards Guild
 - —Joshua L. Sloan, Ph.D., C.F., Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs: Forestry and the Reforestation Center, New Mexico Highlands University

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Tuesday, July 11

- 9:00 a.m. (7) <u>Local, State and Federal Collaboration on Disaster Recovery Efforts</u> and Updates to the Acequia and Community Ditch Infrastructure Fund
 - —Paula Garcia, Executive Director, New Mexico Acequia Association
 - —Jonathan Martinez, Interstate Stream Commission (ISC)
 - —John Romero, Director, Highway Operations Support Division, Department of Transportation
 - Kenneth J. Branch, Assistant State Conservationist, United States
 Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS)
 - —Kenneth Alcon, State Resource Conservationist, USDA-NRCS
- 10:15 a.m. (8) Water Policy and Infrastructure Task Force: Progress and Priorities
 - —Mike Hamman, State Engineer, Office of the State Engineer (OSE)
 - —Hannah Riseley-White, Director, ISC
 - —Patrick McCarthy, Water Policy Officer, Thornburg Foundation
- 11:30 a.m. (9) Water Leaders Education Program Update
 - —Stacy Timmons, Associate Director, Hydrogeology, Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
- 11:45 a.m. (10) <u>City of Las Vegas Water Source Protection and Treatment and the</u> Impacts of Wildfires, Flooding and Burn Scar Runoff on Watersheds
 - —Mike Hamman, State Engineer, OSE
 - —John Rhoderick, Director, Water Protection Division, NMED
 - —Maria Gilvarry, Utilities Director, City of Las Vegas

12:45 p.m. **Public Comment***

1:00 p.m. Tour of Forest and Watershed Restoration Sites

3:30 p.m. Adjourn

^{*}For those wishing to make public comment virtually, please email comments to: WNRC.Comment@nmlegis.gov.