

**2018 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

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Work Plan

The Land Grant Committee was created by the New Mexico Legislative Council on April 26, 2018. As time permits, the committee will review the following topics.

A. Strengthening Governance Capacity:

1. examine land grant board elections and authorities, including:
 - (a) the structure of an interim authority to operate if an election is challenged;
 - (b) the potential for election assistance from the Land Grant Council or Attorney General's Office (AGO); and
 - (c) the potential staggering of terms of office for board members;
2. review recurring funding for land grants;
3. discuss currently developing programs at the University of New Mexico (UNM) School of Law for land grants-mercedes and acequia associations;
4. examine possible methods for land grants to receive hardship distributions of used equipment from the Department of Transportation;

5. coordinate capital outlay funding for priority expenditures; and
6. discuss developing a training program for land grant-merced board members in areas of governmental finance, contracting, land use planning and economic development.

B. Land and Water Issues:

1. review the conclusions of the AGO report in response to 2018 House Joint Memorial 1 on the land divisions at the Cristobal de la Serna Land Grant-Merced;
2. examine potential benefits of the new delinquent property tax statute — House Bill 88, enacted pursuant to Laws 2018, Chapter 50 — as a tool for land grants;
3. continue a dialogue with the Department of Game and Fish regarding traditional uses within wildlife management areas and stocking lakes;
4. receive an update on the revision process for national forest management plans;
5. examine land encroachment issues at the Las Vegas Land Grant-Merced;
6. receive updates from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management regarding cultural and traditional uses on public lands;
7. receive updates on the implementation of the traditional use policy at the Department of Game and Fish and the transfer of the Laguna del Campo stock pond; and
8. hear a presentation from the U.S. Forest Service on development of a uniform policy regarding maintenance work on acequia facilities on lands under its jurisdiction.

C. Economic Development:

1. receive testimony on the UNM School of Architecture and Planning's community development charrettes and the process for sponsoring a charrette at land grants;
2. receive an update on the Piedra Lumbre Visitors Center project near Abiquiu;
3. hear status updates on business development projects at various land grants;
4. review models for marketing agricultural products from land grants; and

5. discuss workforce challenges to development in land grant communities and possible remedies, including the potential for land grant communities to connect with New Mexico State University's "Innoventure" entrepreneurial program for students in grades six through 12 and the New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps.

D. Reports from Individual Land Grants-Mercedes and Associated Entities:

1. hear reports from various land grants-mercedes;
2. review the Land Grant Council's programs and receive updates from the New Mexico Land Grant Consejo and the UNM Land Grant Studies Program; and
3. hear reports from the Acequia Commission and the New Mexico Acequia Association.

**Land Grant Committee
2018 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 11	Santa Fe
July 23-24	Abiquiu
August 28-29	Tecolote
October 29-30	Chilili
November 19	Santa Fe