

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
SECOND MEETING
of the
ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

July 7, 2025
Inn of the Mountain Gods
287 Carrizo Canyon Road
Mescalero

**July 8, 2025
SunZia Project
523 Main Street
Corona**

Monday, July 7 — Mescalero

9:30 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Senator Angel M. Charley, Chair
—Representative Doreen Y. Gallegos, Vice Chair

9:45 a.m. (1) **Welcome, the Economy of the Mescalero Apache Tribe and New Mexico**
 —Thora Walsh Padilla, President, Mescalero Apache Tribe
 —Duane Duffy, Vice President, Mescalero Apache Tribe
 —Isaac Romero, Deputy Secretary, Economic Development Department (EDD)

10:45 a.m. (2) **A Community Response to a Natural Disaster**
 —Thora Walsh Padilla, President, Mescalero Apache Tribe
 —Lynn D. Crawford, Mayor, Village of Ruidoso
 —Rick Baugh, General Manager, Ruidoso Downs Racetrack

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

1:00 p.m. (3) **TBD**

2:00 p.m. (4) **Economic Pathways Through Forest Restoration and Water Management**
—Elizabeth K. Anderson, State Engineer, Office of the State Engineer
—Laura McCarthy, State Forester, Forestry Division, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)
—William Foster, Forest Markets Coordinator, Forestry Division, EMNRD
—Isaac Romero, Deputy Secretary, EDD

—Dennis Romero, Chief, Construction Programs Bureau, Water Protection
Division, Department of Environment

3:15 p.m. (5) [Energy Development](#)

—Rebecca Puck Stair, Director, Energy Conservation and Management
Division, EMNRD

4:15 p.m. **Public Comment***

4:30 p.m. **Recess**

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10:30 a.m. **Tour of the SunZia Project (Legislators and Staff Only)**

1:00 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 "Virtual Public Comment" section of the Economic and Rural Development and Policy Committee [web page](#).