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LAND GRANT COMMITTEE

2023 INTERIM FINAL REPORT

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Land Grant Committee 2023 Interim Summary

The interim legislative Land Grant Committee held five meetings during the 2023 interim. The committee met twice at the State Capitol in Santa Fe, as well as across the state in Las Vegas, Peñasco and Carnuel. The committee addressed topics related to land grant former common land acquisition, fire prevention and watershed and acequia protection.

The committee received updates from the Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty Division of the Office of the Attorney General, the Risk Management Division of the General Services Department, the Office of Broadband Access and Expansion, the Land Grant Council, the New Mexico Land Grant Consejo, the University of New Mexico Community Governance Attorney Program and the Acequia Commission. The committee also heard updates from various land grants-mercedes.

The committee toured Los Vigiles Land Grant-Merced, La Merced de Santa Barbara Land Grant-Merced, the Santo Tomás Apóstol del Rio de las Trampas Land Grant-Merced, La Merced del Manzano Land Grant-Merced and the Canon de Carnue Land Grant-Merced.

The committee did not endorse legislation for the 2024 legislative session.

WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE

**2023 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

Members

Rep. Kristina Ortez, Chair
Sen. Leo Jaramillo, Vice Chair
Sen. Crystal R. Diamond
Rep. Miguel P. García
Rep. Susan K. Herrera
Rep. Stefani Lord

Sen. Antonio Maestas
Rep. Matthew McQueen
Rep. Tanya Mirabal Moya
Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto
Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez

Advisory Members

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Sen. David M. Gallegos
Rep. Harry Garcia
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Sen. Linda M. Lopez

Rep. Rod Montoya
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics
Rep. Luis M. Terrazas

Work Plan

The Land Grant Committee was created by the New Mexico Legislative Council on May 1, 2023. As time permits, the committee will review the following topics:

A. Land acquisitions, fire recovery services and transfers, including:

1. potential options for appraisals that do not foreclose opportunities for acquisitions for small parcels due to market timing;
2. financing options for acquisitions;
3. issues concerning land transfers from, and management agreements with, state agencies;
4. state and federal services for post-fire recovery for land grants, particularly for land grants recently designated by the legislature; and
5. state and federal land stewardship and leñero programs offered by state and federal land management agencies that are open to land grant and acequia communities;

B. Water issues for land grants and acequias, including:

1. payback or compensation options for emergency use of water in excess of allotments;

2. the implications of the recent attorney general opinion regarding due process for water transfers;
3. the different impacts on small agricultural communities between transfers of surface water and ground water rights;
4. an evaluation of whether the Property Tax Code could include an accommodation for land grant common lands similar to the agricultural lands exemption; and
5. updates on the Acequia Bureau recently created administratively within the Interstate Stream Commission;

C. Strengthening governance capacity, including:

1. a review of the status of the Community Governance Attorney Program, continuing legal education and other programs being developed at the University of New Mexico (UNM) School of Law for land grants-mercedes and acequia associations, including an examination of client governance needs versus potential curriculum development;
2. an examination of the processes being developed to implement distributions from the Land Grant-Merced Assistance Fund enacted during the 2022 legislative session, including any training sessions or other programs developed by the Land Grant Council to place land grants in a position to receive those funds;
3. a review of New Mexico Acequia Association (NMAA) management consultation and intervention caseload for acequias, particularly with regard to caseload increases due to wild fire recovery or response efforts; and
4. a review of status reports from the Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty Division of the Office of the Attorney General;

D. Potential for economic, youth and other development programs at land grants, including:

1. a status update on the multi-land grant development of the former Piedra Lumbre Visitor Center near Abiquiu;
2. status updates on business development projects at various land grants;

3. a report from land grants and the Office of Broadband Access and Expansion about the need for broadband services and the state's programs to help build out broadband networks in land grants; and
4. an examination of whether services at the Land Grant Council should be restructured or expanded to meet the current challenges facing land grants; and

E. Reports from individual land grants-mercedes and associated entities, including:

1. reports from various land grants-mercedes;
2. reports from the Land Grant Council and updates from the New Mexico Land Grant Consejo and the UNM Land Grant Studies Program; and
3. reports from the Acequia Commission and the NMAA.

**Land Grant Committee
2023 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 9	Santa Fe
July 12-13	Las Vegas
August 22-23	Penasco
October 23-24	Carnuel
November 9	Santa Fe

AGENDAS AND MINUTES

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
FIRST MEETING
of the
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

**June 9, 2023
State Capitol, Senate Chamber
Santa Fe**

Friday, June 9

- 1:30 p.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Representative Kristina Ortez, Chair
- 1:45 p.m. (1) **[Review of Committee-Endorsed Legislation from the 2023 Legislative Session](#)**
—Mark Edwards, Bill Drafter, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
- 2:00 p.m. (2) **[2023 Proposed Work Plan and Meeting Schedule Discussion](#)**
—Mark Edwards, Bill Drafter, LCS
- 3:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

**MINUTES
of the
FIRST MEETING
of the
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

**June 9, 2023
State Capitol, Senate Chamber
Santa Fe**

The first meeting of the Land Grant Committee for the 2023 interim was called to order by Representative Kristina Ortez, chair, on Friday, June 9, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Chamber in the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Rep. Kristina Ortez, Chair
Sen. Leo Jaramillo, Vice Chair
Sen. Crystal R. Diamond
Rep. Susan K. Herrera
Rep. Stefani Lord
Sen. Antonio Maestas
Rep. Tanya Mirabal Moya
Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto
Rep. Christine Trujillo

Absent

Rep. Miguel P. García
Rep. Matthew McQueen
Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez

Advisory Members

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Sen. Linda M. Lopez
Rep. Rod Montoya
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics

Sen. David M. Gallegos
Rep. Harry Garcia
Rep. Luis M. Terrazas

Staff

Mark Edwards, Bill Drafter, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Sabina Gaynor, Staff Attorney, LCS
Michelle Jaschke, Researcher, 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

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Friday, June 9

Welcome and Introductions (1:30 p.m.)

Representative Ortez welcomed everyone and asked committee members, staff and attendees to introduce themselves.

Review of Committee-Endorsed Legislation from the 2023 Legislative Session (1:47 p.m.)

Mr. Edwards provided an overview of committee-endorsed legislation from 2023 and legislative accomplishments from past years.

2023 Proposed Work Plan and Meeting Schedule Discussion (1:58 p.m.)

Mr. Edwards presented a proposed work plan and meeting schedule for the 2023 interim. Representative Herrera requested that a discussion of water rights settlement issues be included in the work plan. On a motion duly made and seconded, the committee adopted the amendment to the work plan without any objections.

Following a discussion on the focus of the work plan and meeting schedule, upon a motion duly made and seconded, and without any objections, the committee adopted the work plan and meeting schedule, as amended. The approved work plan and meeting schedule can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Publications/Work_Plan/LGCworkplan23.pdf.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Revised: July 11, 2023

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
SECOND MEETING
of the
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

**July 12-13, 2023
New Mexico Highlands University
Student Union Ballroom
800 National Avenue
Las Vegas**

Wednesday, July 12

- 10:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Representative Kristina Ortez, Chair
- 10:15 a.m. (1) **[Welcome to New Mexico Highlands University](#)**
—Dr. Sam Minner, President, New Mexico Highlands University
- 10:40 a.m. (2) **[Los Vigiles Land Grant-Merced Updates](#)**
—Eddie Quintana, President, Los Vigiles Land Grant-Merced
—Joseph Padilla, Secretary, Los Vigiles Land Grant-Merced
- 11:40 a.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (3) **[Lower Gallinas Land Grant-Merced Updates](#)**
—Andrew Ortega, Secretary, Lower Gallinas Land Grant Council
- 1:45 p.m. (4) **[Current Status of Land Grants](#)**
—Arturo Archuleta, Program Manager, Land Grant Council/Land Grant
 Studies Program, University of New Mexico
- 2:30 p.m. (5) **[New Mexico Acequia Association Updates](#)**
—Paula Garcia, Executive Director, New Mexico Acequia Association
- 3:15 p.m. **Public Comment**
- 4:00 p.m. **Recess**

Thursday, July 13

- 10:00 a.m. **Tour of the Los Vigiles Land Grant-Merced**
- 1:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

**MINUTES
for the
SECOND MEETING
of the
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

**July 12-13, 2023
New Mexico Highlands University
Student Union Ballroom
800 National Avenue
Las Vegas**

The second meeting of the Land Grant Committee was called to order by Representative Kristina Ortez, chair, on July 12, 2023 at 10:01 a.m. in the Student Union Ballroom at New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU) in Las Vegas.

Present

Rep. Kristina Ortez, Chair
Rep. Miguel P. García
Rep. Susan K. Herrera
Rep. Stefani Lord (7/12)
Sen. Antonio Maestas
Rep. Matthew McQueen (7/12)
Rep. Tanya Mirabal Moya

Absent

Sen. Leo Jaramillo, Vice Chair
Sen. Crystal R. Diamond
Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto
Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez

Advisory Members

Rep. Harry Garcia (7/12)
Sen. Linda M. Lopez (7/12)
Rep. Rod Montoya (7/12)
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics (7/12)

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Sen. David M. Gallegos
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill
Rep. Luis M. Terrazas

Guest Legislator

Rep. Debra M. Sariñana

(Attendance dates are noted for members not present for the entire meeting.)

Staff

Cecilia Martinez, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Sara Wiedmaier, LCS
Mark Edwards, LCS
Erika Falance, LCS

Guests

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Handouts

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Wednesday, July 12

Welcome and Introductions (10:01 a.m.)

Representative Ortez welcomed members of the committee and the public. Committee members introduced themselves.

Welcome to NMHU (10:12 a.m.)

Dr. Sam Minner, president, NMHU, welcomed the committee to NMHU. Dr. Minner discussed the role of higher education providers in New Mexico and the future of NMHU.

Los Vigiles Land Grant-Merced Updates (10:37 a.m.)

Eddie Quintana, president, Los Vigiles Land Grant-Merced, and Joseph Padilla, secretary, Los Vigiles Land Grant-Merced, provided an overview of the history of the Los Vigiles Land Grant-Merced, as well as current struggles. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20071223%20Item%202%20Los%20Vigiles%20Land%20GrantMerced%20Update.pdf>.

Lower Gallinas Land Grant-Merced Updates (1:02 p.m.)

Andrew Ortega, secretary, Lower Gallinas Land Grant Council, discussed the history of the Lower Gallinas Land Grant-Merced, as well as recent organizational changes.

Current Status of Land Grants (1:47 p.m.)

Arturo Archuleta, program manager, Land Grant Council/Land Grant Studies Program, University of New Mexico, provided an update on the Land Grant Council's programs and policies.

New Mexico Acequia Association (NMAA) Updates (2:45 p.m.)

Paula Garcia, executive director, NMAA, provided an update on acequia policy and the status of the NMAA's programs. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20071223%20Item%205%20New%20Mexico%20Acequia%20Association%20Updates.pdf>.

Approval of Minutes (3:44 p.m.)

Upon a motion made by Senator Maestas, seconded by Representative Mirabal Moya and without any objections, the committee approved the minutes of the June 9, 2023 meeting.

Public Comment (3:45 p.m.)

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

Recess

The meeting recessed at 4:01 p.m.

Thursday, July 13

Tour of Los Vigiles Land Grant-Merced

The members of the committee toured the Los Vigiles Land Grant-Merced.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Revised: August 21, 2023

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
THIRD MEETING
of the
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

**August 22-23, 2023
Peñasco Community Center
14136 New Mexico Highway 75
Peñasco**

Tuesday, August 22

- 10:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Representative Kristina Ortez, Chair
- 10:15 a.m. (1) **[Santo Tomás Apóstol del Rio de las Trampas Land Grant-Merced](#)**
—Alex Lopez, President, Santo Tomás Apóstol del Rio de las Trampas
Land Grant-Merced
- 11:15 a.m. (2) **[Land Grant Council Updates](#)**
—Arturo Archuleta, Program Manager, Land Grant Council/Land Grant
Studies Program, University of New Mexico
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. (3) **[Watershed and Fire Prevention](#)**
—J.R. Logan, Program Manager, Taos County Forest and Watershed Health
- 2:30 p.m. (4) **[La Merced de Santa Barbara](#)**
—Bonifacio Vasquez, President, Santa Barbara Board of Trustees, La
Merced de Santa Barbara
- 3:30 p.m. (5) **[Water Topics](#)**
—Paula Garcia, Executive Director, New Mexico Acequia Association
- 4:30 p.m. (6) **[Cristobal de la Serna Land Grant-Merced](#)**
—Jose Mondragon, Secretary, Cristobal de la Serna Land Grant-Merced
- 5:00 p.m. **Public Comment**
- 5:15 p.m. **Recess**

Wednesday, August 23

9:00 a.m. **Tour of the Santo Tomás Apóstol de las Trampas Land Grant-Merced***

11:30 a.m. **Tour of La Merced de Santa Barbara***

2:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

*This is an invitation-only tour for committee members and staff.

**MINUTES
of the
THIRD MEETING
of the
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

**August 22-23, 2023
Peñasco Community Center
14136 New Mexico Highway 75
Peñasco**

The third meeting of the Land Grant Committee was called to order by Representative Kristina Ortiz, chair, on August 22, 2023 at 10:21 a.m at the Peñasco Community Center in Peñasco.

Present

Rep. Kristina Ortiz, Chair
Sen. Leo Jaramillo, Vice Chair (8/22)
Rep. Susan K. Herrera (8/22)
Rep. Stefani Lord (8/22)
Rep. Tanya Mirabal Moya
Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto (8/22)

Absent

Sen. Crystal Diamond Brantley
Rep. Miguel P. García
Sen. Antonio Maestas
Rep. Matthew McQueen
Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez

Advisory Members

Sen. David M. Gallegos (8/22)
Sen. Linda M. Lopez (8/22)
Rep. Luis M. Terrazas

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Rep. Harry Garcia
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Rep. Rod Montoya
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics

(Attendance dates are noted for members not present for the entire meeting.)

Staff

Cecilia Martinez, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Mark Edwards, LCS
Paul Estok, LCS

Guests

The guest list is in the meeting file.

Handouts

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Tuesday, August 22

Welcome and Introductions (10:21 a.m.)

Representative Ortiz welcomed members of the committee and the public. Committee members introduced themselves.

Santo Tomás Apóstol del Río de las Trampas Land Grant-Merced (10:35 a.m.)

Alex Lopez, president, Santo Tomás Apóstol del Río de las Trampas Land Grant-Merced, presented on the history of the Santo Tomás Apóstol del Río de las Trampas Land Grant-Merced and future priorities for the land grant. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20082223%20Item%201%20Las%20Trampas%20Updates.pdf>.

La Merced de Santa Barbara (11:13 a.m.)

Bonifacio Vasquez, president, Santa Barbara Board of Trustees, La Merced de Santa Barbara, presented the history, as well as the contemporary status, of La Merced de Santa Barbara. Mr. Vasquez addressed current issues and programs of the land grant. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20082223%20Item%204%20Santa%20Barbara%20Presentation.pdf>.

Land Grant Council Update (1:09 p.m.)

Arturo Archuleta, program manager, Land Grant Council/Land Grant Studies Program, University of New Mexico, discussed the proposed creation of a land grant-merced common land acquisition revolving fund. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LGC&Date=8/22/2023&ItemNumber=2>.

Watershed and Fire Prevention (2:33 p.m.)

J.R. Logan, program manager, Taos County Forest and Watershed Health, provided an overview of the fire prevention status in northern New Mexico and an update on the forest mayordomo program in Taos County. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20082223%20Item%203%20Fire%20Prevention%20Programs.pdf>.

Water Topics (3:29 p.m.)

Paula Garcia, executive director, New Mexico Acequia Association, discussed watershed recovery and legal challenges of acequias.

Cristobal de la Serna Land Grant-Merced (4:34 p.m.)

Jose Mondragon, secretary, Cristobal de la Serna Land Grant-Merced, provided an update on the status and challenges facing the Cristobal de la Serna Land Grant-Merced. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20082223%20Item%206%20Cristobal%20de%20la%20Serna%20Land%20Grant.pdf>.

Public Comment (4:49 p.m.)

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

Recess

The meeting recessed at 5:04 p.m.

Wednesday, August 23**Tour of the Santo Tomás Apóstol del Rio de las Trampas Land Grant-Merced**

Members of the committee toured the Santo Tomás Apóstol del Rio de las Trampas Land Grant-Merced.

Tour of La Merced de Santa Barbara

Members of the committee toured La Merced de Santa Barbara.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
FOURTH MEETING
of the
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

**October 23-24, 2023
Canon De Carnue Land Grant Hall
364 United States Route 66
Tijeras**

Monday, October 23

- 10:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Representative Kristina Ortez, Chair
- 10:15 a.m. (1) **[La Merced del Manzano Land Grant-Merced Updates](#)**
—Jason Quintana, President, La Merced del Manzano Land Grant-Merced
- 11:00 a.m. (2) **[Office of Broadband Access and Expansion \(OBAE\)](#)**
—Drew Lovelace, Acting Broadband Director, OBAE
—Ovidiu Viorica, Broadband Program Manager, Broadband Development
and Connectivity Program, OBAE
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (3) **[Canon de Carnue Land Grant-Merced Updates](#)**
—Moises Gonzales, President, Canon de Carnue Land Grant Board of
Trustees; Associate Professor, Urban Design, University of New
Mexico (UNM); Chair, Community and Regional Planning Program,
UNM
- 1:45 p.m. (4) **[Former Piedra Lumbre Visitor Center Development Update](#)**
—Steve Polaco, President, Land Grant-Merced de los Pueblos de Tierra
Amarilla Board of Trustees
—Leonard Martinez, President, San Joaquin del Rio de Chama Land Grant-
Merced Board of Trustees
- 2:45 p.m. (5) **[New Mexico Land Grant Consejo](#)**
—Andrea Padilla, President, Town of Tome Land Grant-Merced Board of
Trustees; President, New Mexico Land Grant Consejo
- 3:45 p.m. (6) **[The Town of Tome Land Grant-Merced Updates](#)**
—Andrea Padilla, President, Town of Tome Land Grant-Merced Board of
Trustees

4:15 p.m. (7) [Chilili Land Grant-Merced](#)
—Juan Sanchez, President, Chilili Land Grant-Merced Board of Trustees

4:45 p.m. **Public Comment**

5:15 p.m. **Recess**

Tuesday, October 24

9:00 a.m. **Tour of La Merced del Manzano Land Grant-Merced***

12:30 p.m. **Tour of Canon de Carnue Land Grant-Merced***

3:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

*This is an invitation-only tour for committee members and staff.

**MINUTES
of the
FOURTH MEETING
of the
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

**October 23-24, 2023
Canon de Carnue Land Grant Hall
364 United States Route 66
Tijeras**

The fourth meeting of the Land Grant Committee was called to order by Representative Kristina Ortez, chair, at 10:41 a.m. on October 23, 2023 at the Canon de Carnue Land Grant meeting hall in Tijeras.

Present

Rep. Kristina Ortez, Chair
Sen. Crystal Diamond Brantley (10/24)
Rep. Stefani Lord
Sen. Antonio Maestas (10/23)
Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino (10/23)
Rep. Cristina Parajón
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto (10/23)

Absent

Sen. Leo Jaramillo, Vice Chair
Rep. Miguel P. García
Rep. Susan K. Herrera
Rep. Matthew McQueen
Rep. Tanya Mirabal Moya
Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez

Advisory Members

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Sen. Linda M. Lopez

Sen. David M. Gallegos
Rep. Harry Garcia
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Rep. Rod Montoya
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics
Rep. Luis M. Terrazas

Guest Legislators

Rep. Janelle Anyanonu (10/23)
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez (10/23)
Rep. Linda Serrato (10/23)

(Attendance dates are noted for members not present for the entire meeting.)

Staff

Cecilia Martinez, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Mark Edwards, Bill Drafter, LCS
Zander Dawson, Staff Attorney, LCS

Guests

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Handouts

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Monday, October 23

Welcome and Introductions (10:41 a.m.)

Representative Ortez welcomed members of the committee and public. Committee members introduced themselves.

La Merced del Manzano Land Grant-Merced Updates (10:42 a.m.)

Jason Quintana, president, La Merced del Manzano Land Grant-Merced, provided an update on the status and goals of La Merced del Manzano Land Grant-Merced.

Office of Broadband Access and Expansion (OBAE) (11:53 a.m.)

Drew Lovelace, acting broadband director, OBAE, presented on the OBAE's programs, challenges and legislative priorities. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20102323%20Item%202%20OBAE%20Presentation.pdf>.

Canon de Carnue Land Grant-Merced Updates (1:53 p.m.)

J.J. Herrera, president, Canon de Carnue Land Grant-Merced, and Moises Gonzales, president, Canon de Carnue Land Grant Board of Trustees, associate professor, Urban Design, University of New Mexico (UNM), and chair, Community and Regional Planning Program, UNM, discussed the history of the Canon de Carnue Land Grant-Merced and the overall legacy of land grants-mercedes in New Mexico.

Former Piedra Lumbre Visitor Center Development Update (2:41 p.m.)

Steve Polaco, president, Land Grant-Merced de los Pueblos de Tierra Amarilla Board of Trustees, and Leonard Martinez, president, San Joaquin del Rio de Chama Land Grant-Merced Board of Trustees, provided an update on the Former Piedra Lumbre Visitor Center Development project.

New Mexico Land Grant Consejo (3:00 p.m.)

Andrea Padilla, president, Town of Tome Land Grant-Merced Board of Trustees, and president, New Mexico Land Grant Consejo, and Mr. Quintana discussed the role of the New Mexico Land Grant Consejo and its ongoing projects. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20102323%20Item%205%20Land%20Grant%20Consejo%20Presentation.pdf>.

The Town of Tome Land Grant-Merced Updates (3:27 p.m.)

Ms. Padilla provided a brief history of and status update on the Town of Tome Land Grant-Merced. The presentation can be found here:

[https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20102323%20Item%206%20Town%20of%20Tome%20Presentation%20\(1\).pdf](https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20102323%20Item%206%20Town%20of%20Tome%20Presentation%20(1).pdf).

Chilili Land Grant-Merced (3:40 p.m.)

Juan Sanchez, president, member, Chilili Land Grant-Merced Board of Trustees, discussed the current status and future priorities of the Chilili Land Grant-Merced. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20102323%20Item%207%20Chilili%20Presentation.pdf>.

Public Comment (3:55 p.m.)

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

Recess

The meeting recessed at 4:12 p.m.

Tuesday, October 24**Tour of La Merced del Manzano Land Grant-Merced (9:09 a.m.)**

Members of the committee toured La Merced del Manzano Land Grant-Merced.

Tour of Canon de Carnue Land Grant-Merced (12:15 p.m.)

Members of the committee toured the Canon de Carnue Land Grant-Merced.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Revised: November 6, 2023

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
FIFTH MEETING
of the
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

**November 9, 2023
State Capitol, Room 322
Santa Fe**

Thursday, November 9

- 10:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Representative Kristina Ortez, Chair
- 10:15 a.m. (1) **[Atrisco Updates](#)**
—Thaddeus Lucero, Treasurer, Board of Directors, The Atrisco Companies
- 11:15 a.m. (2) **[Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty Division of the Office of the Attorney General \(OAG\) Updates](#)**
—Enrique Romero, Assistant Attorney General and Director, Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty Division, OAG
—Joseph M. Dworak, Deputy Attorney General, OAG
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m. (3) **[Risk Management Division of the General Services Department](#)**
—Jacob Maule, Acting General Counsel and Legal Bureau Chief, Risk Management Division, General Services Department
- 2:15 p.m. (4) **[Community Governance Attorney Commission Updates](#)**
—Adrian Oglesby, Director, Utton Transboundary Resources Center, University of New Mexico
—David Benavides, Attorney, New Mexico Legal Aid
- 3:15 p.m. **Public Comment**
- 3:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

**MINUTES
for the
FIFTH MEETING
of the
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

**November 9, 2023
State Capitol, Room 322
Santa Fe**

The fifth meeting of the Land Grant Committee was called to order by Representative Kristina Ortez, chair, on November 9, 2023 at 10:16 a.m. in Room 322 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Rep. Kristina Ortez, Chair
Sen. Leo Jaramillo, Vice Chair
Rep. Miguel P. García
Rep. Stefani Lord
Sen. Antonio Maestas
Rep. Matthew McQueen
Rep. Tanya Mirabal Moya
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto
Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez

Absent

Sen. Crystal Diamond Brantley
Rep. Susan K. Herrera
Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino
Rep. Cristina Parajón

Advisory Members

Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Sen. Linda M. Lopez
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Sen. David M. Gallegos
Rep. Harry Garcia
Rep. Rod Montoya
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill
Rep. Luis M. Terrazas

Staff

Cecilia Martinez, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Mark Edwards, Bill Drafter, LCS
Michelle Jaschke, Researcher, LCS

Minutes Approval

Because the committee will not meet again this year, the minutes for this meeting have not been officially approved by the committee.

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 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.

Thursday, November 9

Welcome and Introductions (10:16 a.m.)

Representative Ortez welcomed members of the committee and public. Committee members introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes (10:40 a.m.)

On a motion made by Senator Jaramillo and seconded by Representative Mirabel Moya, and without any objections, the committee approved the minutes for the July 12-13, 2023, August 22-23, 2023 and October 23-24, 2023 meetings.

Atrisco Updates (10:41 a.m.)

Thaddeus Lucero, treasurer, Board of Directors, the Atrisco Companies, presented on the history of and companies within the Atrisco Companies. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20110923%20Item%201%20The%20Atrisco%20Companies.pdf>.

Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty Division of the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) Updates (11:28 a.m.)

Enrique Romero, assistant attorney general and director, Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty Division, OAG, and Joseph M. Dworak, deputy attorney general, OAG, discussed the Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty Division of the OAG and OAG programs accessible to land grants-mercedes.

Risk Management Division of the General Services Department (1:16 p.m.)

Jacob Maule, acting general counsel and legal bureau chief, Risk Management Division, General Services Department, went over insurance and Tort Claims Act policy change suggestions for land grants-mercedes.

Community Governance Attorney Commission Updates (1:40 p.m.)

Adrian Oglesby, director, Utton Transboundary Resources Center, University of New Mexico, and David Benavides, attorney, New Mexico Legal Aid, provided a status update on the Community Governance Attorney Commission's budget and Community Governance Attorney Program plans. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20110923%20Item%204%20Community%20Governance%20Attorney%20Commission%20Updates.pdf>.

Public Comment (2:07 p.m.)

A list of individuals making public comment can be found in the meeting file.

Legislative Proposals

There were no legislative proposals presented for endorsement.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.



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