

Revised: October 28, 2025

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

**October 29-30, 2025  
Bulldogs Administration and Training Center  
Bulldogs Rooms 1-4  
301 Bulldog Boulevard  
Artesia**

**Wednesday, October 29**

- 9:15 a.m.           **Call to Order and Introductions**  
—Senator Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics, Chair, Water and Natural Resources  
Committee (WNRC)  
—Representative Matthew McQueen, Vice Chair, WNRC
- 9:30 a.m.           (1) **Welcome and Local Updates**  
—Representative Jonathan A. Henry, Mayor, City of Artesia  
—Hayley Klein, Commissioner, District 2, Eddy County Board of County  
Commissioners; Executive Director, Artesia Chamber of Commerce;  
City Administrator, City of Artesia
- 10:00 a.m.           (2) **Roosevelt Soil and Water Conservation District (RSWCD) Rainfall  
Enhancement Program**  
—Mike Cone, Chair, RSWCD  
—George Bomar, Former State Climatologist, College of Arts and Sciences,  
Texas A&M University  
—Dave DuBois, Ph.D., State Climatologist, Office of the State  
Climatologist, New Mexico Department of Agriculture
- 11:00 a.m.           (3) **Cleanup of Neglected Groundwater Spills**  
—Kelsey Rader, Deputy Director, Water Protection Division, Department  
of Environment (NMED)  
—Miori Harms, Uranium Mine Reclamation Coordinator, NMED  
—April Elliott, Director, Surface Resources Division, State Land Office  
(SLO)
- 12:00 noon           **Public Comment\***
- 12:15 p.m.           **Lunch**

- 1:00 p.m. (4) [\*\*Air Quality Around Oil and Gas Operations and Effectiveness of Methane and Ozone Rules\*\*](#)  
—Gunnar Schade, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Texas A&M University  
—Michelle Miano, Director, Environmental Protection Division, NMED  
—Ben Shelton, Deputy Secretary, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)  
—Debra A. Kaden, Ph.D., Fellow, Academy of Toxicological Sciences; Principal Toxicologist, RHP Risk Management Inc.
- 2:15 p.m. (5) [\*\*Data Centers: Water and Energy Use and Project Jupiter Update\*\*](#)  
—Mark Roper, Director, Economic Development Division, Economic Development Department  
—Ben Shelton, Deputy Secretary, EMNRD  
—Tanya Trujillo, Deputy State Engineer, Office of the State Engineer  
—Stacy Tellinghuisen, Deputy Director, Policy Development, Clean Energy Department, Western Resources Advocates  
—Daisy Maldonado, Director, Empowerment Congress of Dona Ana County
- 3:30 p.m. **Tour of HF Sinclair Corporation Operations\*\***

**Thursday, October 30**

- 8:30 a.m. (6) [\*\*Oil and Gas Updates: Production, Price, Royalty Rates and Workforce Development\*\*](#)  
—Ben Shelton, Deputy Secretary, EMNRD  
—Sunalei Stewart, Deputy Commissioner of Operations, SLO  
—Tom Clifford, Ph.D., Clifford Consulting, LLC  
—Steve Saucedo, Vice President for Workforce Development, New Mexico Junior College
- 9:30 a.m. (7) [\*\*Oil and Gas Act: Enforcement and Reform; Reclamation Fund Changes; and Plugging of Abandoned Wells\*\*](#)  
—Ben Shelton, Deputy Secretary, EMNRD  
—Sunalei Stewart, Deputy Commissioner of Operations, SLO  
—Sam Bradley, Member, Board of Directors, National Stripper Well Association; Partner, Summit Oil and Gas, LLC  
—Erik Schlenker-Goodrich, Executive Director, Western Environmental Law Center (WELC)
- 10:45 a.m. (8) [\*\*Reuse of Treated Produced Water: Technology, Current Rules and Proposed Revisions\*\*](#)  
—Kelsey Rader, Deputy Director, Water Protection Division, NMED  
—Matthias Sayer, Water Access, Treatment and Reuse Alliance  
—Chad Unrau, Vice President of Reuse, Aris Water Solutions

—Sarah Knopp, Policy Specialist, Amigos Bravos  
—Daniel Timmons, Senior Attorney, WELC

12:00 noon           **Lunch**

12:30 p.m.       (9)   **[Growing the Fusion Energy Industry in New Mexico](#)**  
—Carrie von Muench, Chief Operating Officer, Pacific Fusion  
—John Elling, Ph.D., Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Molten Salt  
Solutions  
—David Ellmann, General Partner, UP.Abundance  
—Mark Roper, Director, Economic Development Division, Economic  
Development Department

1:30 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 "Additional Information" section of the WNRC [web page](#).

\*\*Committee members and committee staff only.