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TENTATIVE AGENDA
Legislative Finance Committee
Taos, New Mexico
June 24-26, 2025

Monday, June 23

Optional Tour
Clean Hydrogen Project in Questa and Red River Hatchery
2500 Old State Road 3
Questa, NM 87556

- 2:00 -- Clean Hydrogen Project -- John Ortega, Mayor, Questa; Luis Reyes, CEO, Kit Carson Electric; Dr. Pei Xu, Professor, New Mexico State University; Chris Stagg, Taos Ski Valley
- 2:45 -- Depart to Las Vistas De Questa Trail
- 3:30 -- Depart to Red River State Fish Hatchery -- Stewart Liley, Chief, Wildlife Management, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish; Kirk Patter, Chief, Fisheries Management, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

Tuesday, June 24

Meeting Location
UNM-Taos Battan Hall
121 Civic Placa Drive
Taos, NM 87571

- 8:30 -- Welcoming Remarks -- Pascualito Maestas, Mayor; Edwin Concha, Governor, Taos Pueblo; Jeremy S. Lujan, Tribal Secretary, Taos Pueblo; Mary Gutierrez, Chancellor, University of New Mexico-Taos
- 9:30 -- Water Research and Economic Development Using Green Hydrogen -- Pei Xu, Department of Civil Engineering, New Mexico State University; Luis Reyes, Chief Executive Officer; Kit Carson, Electric Cooperative Inc; John Ortega, Mayor, Questa
- 10:45 -- K-12 Status of Yazzie/K12 Report Cards -- Sunny Liu, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee; Rachel Mabe, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee; John Sena, Director, Legislative Education Study Committee; Mariana Padilla, Secretary, Public Education Department
- 12:15 -- Lunch
- 1:15 -- Policy Spotlight: Orphaned Wells -- Stephanie Joyce, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee; Elizabeth Dodson, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee; Ben Shelton, Deputy Secretary, Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department
- 2:30 -- Tax Expenditures -- Brendon Gray, Economist, Legislative Finance Committee; Maggie Klug, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee
- 3:45 -- Quarterly Status Reporting on Major Nonrecurring Appropriations -- Maggie Klug, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee
- Previous Nonrecurring Activities
 - Top 50 Appropriations
 - Economic Development
- 5:00 -- Adjourn

Wednesday, June 25

- 8:30 -- [Workforce Training and Certifications Pilot Programs](#) – Tracy Hartzler, President, Central New Mexico Community College; Mary Gutierrez, Chancellor, University of New Mexico-Taos; James Johnston, Chancellor, Eastern New Mexico University
- 10:00 -- [Program Evaluation: Health Care Affordability Fund](#) -- Matt Goodlaw, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee; Alex Castillo Smith, Deputy Secretary, Health Care Authority
- 11:00 -- [LegisStat: Health Care Authority: Access to Health Care and Behavioral Health](#) -- Kari Armijo, Secretary, Human Services Department
- 12:15 -- Lunch -- Natural Resources Subcommittee Depart for Tour

LFC Child Welfare/Early Childhood Subcommittee

Representative Jack Chatfield
Representative Meredith A. Dixon
Representative Rebecca Dow
Representative Derrick J. Lente
Representative Joseph Sanchez

Senator Pere Campos
Senator Nicole Tobiassen
Senator Linda M. Trujillo

- 1:15 -- [LegisStat: Child Welfare](#) – Teresa Casados, Secretary, Children, Youth and Families Department
- 3:00 -- [Progress Report: Prekindergarten Quality](#) -- Sarah Rovang, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee, Elizabeth Groginsky, Secretary, Early Childhood Education and Care Department
- 4:15 -- [Update on FIT Provider Rates](#) – Elizabeth Groginsky, Secretary, Early Childhood and Care Department
- 5:00 -- Adjourn

LFC Natural Resources Subcommittee

Representative Susan K. Herrera
Representative Nathan P. Small
Representative Harlan Vincent

Senator Roberto “Bobby” J. Gonzales
Senator Steve D. Lanier
Senator Benny Shendo Jr.
Senator Pat Woods

- 1:30 -- [Forest Restoration and Watersheds](#) -- Laura McCarthy, State Forester; J.R. Logan, Taos County/Del Medio Forestry
- 2:45 -- [D.H. Lawrence Ranch](#) -- J.R. Logan, Taos County/Del Medio Forestry; Grace Powell, Taos Soil and Water Conservation District, Jeremy Hanlon, Forest Fitness
- Forest treatments for wildfire migration, wood utilization, forest health and biodiversity conservation
 - Partnerships to secure funding and benefit local communities
 - Successes and challenges for businesses in forest industry
- 3:30 -- Depart to Carson National Forest
- 3:45 -- [Cerro Negro Leñero Block](#) – J.R. Logan, Taos County/Del Medio Forestry; Art Montoya, Arroyo Hondo de Arriba Community Land Grant
- Cerro Negro Forest Council history, role and transition of the project to the Land Grants and Acequias
 - Youth training and firewood harvest
 - Replication of the community-based mode in Northern New Mexico

5:00 -- Adjourn

Thursday, June 26

- 8:30 -- [Program Evaluation: Election Costs](#) -- Drew Weaver, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee; Sarah Dinces, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee; Maggie Toulouse Oliver, Secretary of State
- 10:00 -- [Federal Funds Update](#) -- Charles Sallee, Director, Legislative Finance Committee
- 11:00 -- [Third Quarter Report Cards](#) -- Helen Gaussoin, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee
- 12:00 -- Miscellaneous Committee Business

Action Items

- 1) [Approval of LFC May Meeting Minutes](#)
- 2) [Approval of LFC Contracts](#)
- 3) [Approval of LFC Work Plan](#)

Review of Monthly Financial Reports & Information Items

- 4) [LFC FY25 Budget Status](#)
- 5) [BAR Report](#)
- 6) [Full Time Employees by Agency](#)
- 7) [Correspondence](#)
- 8) [LFC Program Evaluation Status Report](#)
- 9) [Cash Balance Report](#)
- 10) SPO Job Architecture Update
- 11) Potential Updates to Budget Guidelines

12:00 -- Adjourn

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