

Revised: August 1, 2016

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

**August 3-4, 2016  
Barbara Hubbard Room  
New Mexico State University (NMSU)  
Las Cruces**

**Wednesday, August 3**

- 9:00 a.m.           **Call to Order — Introductions**  
—Representative Rick Little, Chair
- 9:15 a.m.           (1) **Welcoming Remarks**  
—Gregory Z. Smith, Mayor Pro Tem and District 2 Councilor, City of  
Las Cruces  
—Dan Howard, Executive Vice President and Provost, NMSU
- 9:45 a.m.           (2) **Workers' Compensation: Historic Overview and the Perspectives of  
Business, Workers and Insurance after Rodriguez**  
—Darin Childers, Director, Workers' Compensation Administration  
—James Magoffe, Chair, Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation  
—Kevin McGinley, Vice Chair, Advisory Council on Workers'  
Compensation  
—Gail Evans, Legal Director, New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty  
—Edward Tabet-Cubero, Executive Director, New Mexico Center on Law  
and Poverty  
—Mary Fowler, Manager, National Council on Compensation Insurance  
—Caren Cowan, Executive Director, New Mexico Cattlegrowers'  
Association  
—Zach Riley, Director of Government Affairs, New Mexico Farm and  
Livestock Bureau
- 11:45 a.m.           (3) **Development of Health-Tech Industry Cluster at Arrowhead Park**  
—Wayne Savage, Executive Director, Arrowhead Center, NMSU  
—Kathryn Hansen, Director and Chief Executive Officer, Arrowhead  
Center, NMSU
- 12:45 p.m.           **Lunch**

- 1:30 p.m. (4) [Developing the Agritourism Industry in New Mexico](#)  
—Jeff Witte, Director/Secretary, New Mexico Department of Agriculture  
—Anna Lyles, Co-Owner, Mesilla Valley Maze  
—Andrew Graves, Graves Farm and Garden  
—Christopher Goblet, Executive Director, New Mexico Wine and Grape Growers Association
- 2:30 p.m. (5) [Water Needs and Concerns for Lower Rio Grande Users](#)  
—Gary Esslinger, Manager, Elephant Butte Irrigation District
- 3:30 p.m. **Public Comment**
- 3:45 p.m. **Tour of NMSU Rural Drinking Water Research\***  
\*This tour is by invitation only for legislative committee members and staff.
- 4:30 p.m. **Recess**

**Thursday, August 4**

- 9:00 a.m. **Reconvene**  
—Representative Rick Little, Chair
- 9:10 a.m. (6) [Economic Development Initiatives of the South Central Council of Governments \(SCCOG\)](#)  
—Jay Armijo, Executive Director, SCCOG  
—Steve Duran, Workforce Administrator, SCCOG  
—Tiffany Goolsby, Senior Planner, SCCOG
- 10:15 a.m. (7) [Rural Health Care Careers](#)  
—Charlie Alfero, E.D., Executive Director, Southwest Center for Health Innovation; Director, New Mexico Primary Care Training Consortium
- 11:15 a.m. (8) [NMSU Corporate Engagement: Benefiting Students, Communities, Companies](#)  
—Kevin Boberg, Ph.D., Vice President for Economic Development, NMSU
- 12:00 noon **Public Comment**
- 12:30 p.m. **Adjourn**