

Revised: July 10, 2026

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

**July 13-14, 2026
New Mexico Military Institute
Daniels Leadership Center
298 West 19th Street
Roswell**

Monday, July 13

- 9:15 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Representative Kristina Ortez, Chair
—Senator Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics, Vice Chair
- 9:25 a.m. (1) **Welcome and Local Updates**
—Tim Jennings, Mayor, City of Roswell
—Colonel David West, Chief of Staff, New Mexico Military Institute
- 9:45 a.m. (2) **Battery Energy Storage Systems: Utility Scale and Long Duration**
—Lynn Mostoller, Executive Director, New Mexico Renewable Energy
Transmission Authority
—Orland Whitney, Engineer, Engineering Bureau, Utilities Division, Public
Regulation Commission (PRC)
—Mark Thompson, Senior Director, State Affairs, Form Energy
—Ellen Howard Kutzer, Director, Western Government Affairs, Jupiter
Power
—Sarah Qureshi, Vice President of Policy, Plus Power
- 11:00 a.m. (3) **Transmission Updates and Meeting the Energy Needs of Southeastern
New Mexico**
—Lynn Mostoller, Executive Director, New Mexico Renewable Energy
Transmission Authority
—Laurie Williams, Senior Vice President of Integrated Planning and
Transmission Development, Public Service Company of New Mexico
—Ryan Colley, Executive Director, NextEra Energy Transmission
—Jarred Cooley, Senior Director of Strategic Planning, Southwestern
Public Service Company
—Bobby Ferris, Vice President and General Manager, Lea County Electric
Cooperative
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch**

12:45 p.m. (4) **Grid Modernization and Resilience**
—Cholla Khoury, Chief of Staff, PRC
—Rebecca "Puck" Stair, Director, Energy Conservation and Management Division (ECAM), Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)
—Brienne Jole, P.E., Manager, Distribution System Planning and Strategy, Xcel Energy
—Leslie Chagnon, Senior Director, Grid Modernization Strategy, El Paso Electric
—Olga Lavrova, Ph.D., P.E., Professor and Director, Electric Utilities Management Program, New Mexico State University

2:00 p.m. (5) **Orphan Well Plugging Updates, Oil and Gas Reclamation Fund Changes and New Bonding Rules**
—Albert Chang, Director, Oil Conservation Division, EMNRD
—Tiffany Wallace, Manager, Policy and External Affairs for the United States Lower 48, Occidental Petroleum Corporation
—Andrea Felix, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, New Mexico Oil and Gas Association
—Tannis Fox, Senior Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center

3:15 p.m. (6) **Emissions Monitoring, Reductions and School Setbacks**
—Michelle Miano, Director, Environmental Protection Division, Department of Environment (NMED)
—Mandy Sackett, New Mexico Lead Campaigner, Earthworks
—Debra A. Kaden, Ph.D., Fellow, Academy of Toxicological Sciences; Principal Toxicologist, RHP Risk Management Inc.

4:15 p.m. (7) **Data Centers: Large Load Energy Use and Air Emissions**
—Rebecca "Puck" Stair, Director, ECAM, EMNRD
—Michelle Miano, Director, Environmental Protection Division, NMED
—Cholla Khoury, Chief of Staff, PRC
—David Baake, Attorney and Energy Policy Consultant, Western Resource Advocates

5:15 p.m. **Public Comment***

5:30 p.m. **Recess**

Tuesday, July 14

9:00 a.m. (8) **Regional Ground Water Management**
—Aron Balok, Superintendent, Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District (PVACD)
—Greg Alpers, Chair, Board of Directors, PVACD; Member, Water Trust Board

- 9:30 a.m. (9) **Produced Water: Rulemaking Status, Data Gaps, Research and Technological Advancements**
—Jonas Armstrong, Director, Water Protection Division, NMED
—Zachary Stoll, Ph.D., Assistant Director, New Mexico Produced Water Research Consortium
—Dan Mueller, P.E., Water Resources Engineer; Member, New Mexico and Texas Produced Water Consortia
—Tannis Fox, Senior Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center
—Fred Verner, Regulatory Advisor, New Mexico Oil and Gas Association
- 10:45 a.m. (10) **Surface Water Permitting Program: Implementation and Rulemaking**
—Jonas Armstrong, Director, Water Protection Division, NMED
—Rachel Conn, Deputy Director, Amigos Bravos
—Dalva L. Moellenberg, Shareholder, Gallagher & Kennedy, P.A., Natural Resources Partnership
- 11:45 a.m. **Public Comment***
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 12:15 p.m. (11) **New Mexico Grown Approved Supplier Program; Protein Plus Program; Local Meat Processing; and Screwworm Updates**
—Kirsten Hansen, Director, Community Health and Engagement, New Mexico Farmers' Marketing Association
—Kim Meeks, School Food Service Director, Roswell Independent School District
—Nayely Madrid, Office Manager, U.S.A. Beef Packing, LLC
—Megan Foote, Owner and Rancher, Foote Family Meats
—Belinda Garland, Executive Director, New Mexico Livestock Board
- 1:30 p.m. **Tour of U.S.A. Beef Packing, LLC (Committee Members and Committee Staff Only)**
- 2:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

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