

Revised: July 22, 2022

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

**July 25-26, 2022
The Event Center at Sandia Golf Club
30 Rainbow Road NE
Albuquerque**

Monday, July 25

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order**
—Representative Derrick J. Lente, Co-Chair, Water and Natural Resources
Committee (WNRC)
—Representative Matthew McQueen, Co-Chair, WNRC
- 9:15 a.m. (1) **Welcome**
—Stuart Paisano, Governor, Pueblo of Sandia
- 9:30 a.m. (2) **History, Present and Future of Native American Water Use**
—Dr. Crystal Tulley-Cordova, Principal Hydrologist, Navajo Nation
Department of Water Resources
—Sam DesGeorges, President, Taos Valley Acequia Association
—Stuart Paisano, Governor, Pueblo of Sandia
—George Toya, Farm Program Manager, Department of Environmental and
Natural Resources, Pueblo of Nambé
—TBD, Coalition of Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos (invited)
—Daryl Vigil, Water Administrator, Jicarilla Apache Nation (invited)
- 10:30 a.m. (3) **Status of Indian Water Rights Litigation and Settlements**
—Nat Chakeres, General Counsel, Office of the State Engineer (OSE)
—Josh Mann, Attorney, Mann Water Law
- 11:30 a.m. (4) **Water Pipeline to To'hajiilee**
—Jimmy Secatero, President, To'Hajiilee Chapter, Navajo Nation
—Andrew Robertson, P.E., Director, Souder, Miller & Associates
—George Mihalik, P.E., Project Engineer, Souder, Miller & Associates
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**

- 1:00 p.m. (5) [**Water Management in an Era of Decreasing Supply: Increased Use and the Effect of Groundwater Depletions and Climate Change**](#)
—Mike Hamman, State Engineer, OSE
—Dr. David Gutzler, Professor Emeritus, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, University of New Mexico
—Dr. Maurice Hall, Vice President, Climate Resilient Water Systems, Environmental Defense Fund
—Adrian Oglesby, Director, Utton Transboundary Resources Center, University of New Mexico
- 2:15 p.m. (6) [**The Legal and Regulatory Framework of Environmental Flows in New Mexico**](#)
—Paul Tashjian, Director of Freshwater Conservation, Audubon New Mexico
—Adrian Oglesby, Director, Utton Transboundary Resources Center, University of New Mexico
- 3:00 p.m. (7) [**The Strategic Water Reserve: Status, Needs and Reform**](#)
—Hannah Riseley-White, Deputy Director, Interstate Stream Commission (ISC)
—Kristina Fisher, Associate Director, Think New Mexico
- 3:45 p.m. (8) [**Risk of Flooding from Wildfires**](#)
—Shawn L. Penman, Ph.D., C.F.M., G.I.S.P., New Mexico Coordinator, Cooperating Technical Partners Program, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Manager, New Mexico Resource Geographic Information System Clearinghouse, Earth Data Analysis Center, and Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico

4:30 p.m. **Public Comment***

5:00 p.m. **Recess**

Tuesday, July 26

- 9:00 a.m. (9) [**Water System Governance and Reform**](#)
—Mike Hamman, State Engineer, OSE
—Norm Gaume, President, Middle Rio Grande Water Advocates
—Mindy Bridges, Project Manager, Environment, Energy and Transportation Program, National Conference of State Legislatures

- 10:30 a.m. (10) **Water Use in Cannabis Production**
—Linda Trujillo, Superintendent, Regulation and Licensing Department
—Mike Hamman, State Engineer, OSE
—John Romero, P.E., Director, Water Resource Allocation Program, and
Director, Water Rights Division, OSE
—Paula Garcia, Executive Director, New Mexico Acequia Association
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (11) **Middle Rio Grande Water Use and Compliance with the Rio Grande Compact**
—Mike Hamman, State Engineer, OSE
—Page Pegram, New Mexico Rio Grande Compact Engineer Advisor, ISC
—J. Phillip King, P.E., Ph.D., Engineering Consultant, Elephant Butte
Irrigation District
—Jason M. Casuga, P.E., Chief Executive Officer and Chief Engineer,
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
—Norm Gaume, President, Middle Rio Grande Water Advocates
- 2:15 p.m. (12) **New Mexico Unit Fund: Process, Access and Status**
—Priscilla Lucero, Board Member, Water Trust Board; Executive Director,
Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments
—Marquita Russel, Chief Executive Officer, New Mexico Finance
Authority
—Rolf Schmidt-Petersen, Director, ISC
- 3:00 p.m. (13) **EXECUTIVE SESSION (Closed Meeting): Update on *Texas v. New Mexico***
—Hector Balderas, Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
—Cholla Khoury, Chief Deputy Attorney General of Civil Affairs, Office of
the Attorney General
—Mike Hamman, State Engineer, OSE
—Nat Chakeres, General Counsel, OSE
—Rolf Schmidt-Petersen, Director, ISC
- 4:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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