

**2007 APPROVED WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

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History

The land grant committee was originally created by statute for the 2003 interim and has been renewed each year as a legislative council-created committee since 2004.

Work Plan

The land grant committee plans to consider the following issues and topics during the 2007 interim and develop appropriate legislation for the 2008 legislative session:

1. to address long-standing grievances related to state and federal government treatment of Spanish and Mexican land grants, the committee should review operation of the Guadalupe Hidalgo treaty division of the office of the attorney general and request funding of the division as part of the base budget of the office of the attorney general; hear the attorney general's response to the 2004 GAO report on community land grants; explore the possibility of the purchase of bureau of land management property by the state for eventual return to community land grants; and request the transfer of lands owned by the department of game and fish to community land grants that formerly owned those lands;

2. examination of the implications of granting political subdivision status to community land grants, including state auditor requirements for auditing of community land grants; department of finance and administration procedures for evaluating and approving capital outlay appropriations for community land grants; conforming the Tecolote land grant governing statutes with Chapter 49, Article 1 NMSA 1978; exploring possible purchase of insurance from the risk management division by boards of trustees; and reviewing state forestry division programs involving community land grants;

3. implementation of legislation and ongoing programs should include a report on property tax division administration of delinquent tax sales of land located within the boundaries

of community land grants; and preparation of title abstracts by the state commission of public records on state-owned property located within the historic boundaries of community land grants;

4. establishment of a land grant studies program at the university of New Mexico; and

5. other issues, including the creation of a state land grant council; department of transportation placement of signs indicating community land grant boundaries; funding of mortgages by the mortgage finance authority on land grant common lands; and clean-up of illegal dumps located in community land grants.

Approved Meeting Dates

Date	Meeting Place
June 1	Santa Fe
July 23, 24	Questa
August 20, 21	Truchas
September 6, 7	Chama
October 11, 12	Anton Chico
November 9	Santa Fe