

**2011 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

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Work Plan

The Land Grant Committee was created by the New Mexico Legislative Council on May 9, 2011. The committee proposes to focus on the following topics:

1. legislation not passed in 2011:
 - House Bill 82 (would have amended Chapter 49, Article 1 NMSA 1978 to include the Tecolote Land Grant-Merced as a political subdivision of the state and would have repealed Tecolote's current governing statutes);
 - Senate Bill 154 (would have transferred the land grant registry from the Office of the Secretary of State to the Land Grant Council and would have provided for storage of historical records in the State Records Center and Archives); and
 - Senate Bill 176 (would have authorized the Land Grant Council to use private and federal funds to assist community land grants that are not eligible for state funds).
2. the camposanto and return of common lands in the San Joaquin del Rio Chama Land Grant;
3. requesting that the New Mexico federal delegation give political subdivision status to non-patent land grants, including San Antonio del Rio Colorado (Questa grant);
4. the relationship between state parks and land grants, including San Miguel del Bado, Manzano and Tierra Amarilla; revenue sharing; and phaseout of ownership;

5. private property claims tied to land grant patents, including:
 - A) case histories; and
 - B) consequences.
6. land grant benefits from the film industry;
7. federal and state processes for getting tax credits for money contributions and land donations to land grants;
8. arbitration processes in moderating land grant disputes, including:
 - A) tribunals; or
 - B) arbitration boards;
9. the risk management process for land grants, including due diligence;
10. the interest of sub-grants/partitioned grants in achieving political subdivision status;
11. an appropriation bill for a symposium addressing issues common to Native American/ Spanish land grants;
12. updates by the Land Grant Council on:
 - A) a decrease of funding;
 - B) outreach to land grant communities;
 - C) discussions with the New Mexico congressional delegation on possible federal legislation;
 - D) the University of New Mexico land grant studies program; and
 - E) testimony to the American Bar Association Commission on Hispanic Legal Rights;
13. an update on United States Forest Service encroachment and boundary resolutions at Abiquiu and Truchas; and
14. a report on the Tierra Amarilla Land Grant mineral rights, the land grant board and Wind River Energy Corporation's Milagro Project.

2011 Approved Meeting Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 15 (actual)	Santa Fe
July 28-29	Abiquiu (Cañones)
August 25-26	Cebolleta
October 17-18	Cañón de Carnué
November 21	Santa Fe