

**2012 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

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Work Plan

The Water and Natural Resources Committee was created by the New Mexico Legislative Council on May 9, 2012. The committee proposes to focus on the following topics.

1. Water management, adjudication, research, litigation and projects, which may include testimony on the following agenda items:
 - a. reports required by statute from the state engineer and the Interstate Stream Commission;
 - b. Indian water rights settlements — update on status and continued need for state cost-share funding through the Indian Water Rights Settlement Fund;
 - c. update on the status of the revised biological assessment for the middle Rio Grande and the Middle Rio Grande Collaborative;
 - d. Arizona Water Settlements Act of 2004 implementation (Gila settlement);

- e. dam safety and Watershed District Act issues;
 - f. geothermal legislation implementation;
 - g. state water plan update and New Mexico First water policy recommendations;
 - h. adjudications status report;
 - i. Joe M Stell ombudsman program update;
 - j. major litigation and appeals update;
 - k. update on lower Rio Grande — 2008 Rio Grande Project Operating Agreement litigation;
 - l. water and aquifer contamination issues in Albuquerque;
 - m. Healthy Rivers New Mexico program report;
 - n. domestic wells and development;
 - o. environmental water transaction program with irrigation districts;
 - p. status of the San Agustin Basin water rights application; and
 - q. New Mexico-Texas groundwater issues in Jal and the Ogallala aquifer.
2. Agriculture, forest, land use and game and fish issues, including:
- a. forest management, fires and related issues;
 - b. New Mexico State University's Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service;
 - c. fencing and railroads — cattlegrowers' concerns;
 - d. drought response issues;
 - e. industrial hemp production;
 - f. New Mexico-grown produce nutrition program; and
 - g. HJR 10 (2011) report on wildlife safety zones.
3. Other environmental and natural resource issues.

**Water and Natural Resources Committee
2012 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 26	Santa Fe
July 30-31	Las Cruces
Aug. 27-28	Truth or Consequences (joint meeting with CCJ)
Oct. 15-16	Ruidoso
Nov. 8-9	Albuquerque/Santa Fe