

Revised: November 6, 2020

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

**November 9, 2020
Video Conference**

Monday, November 9

- 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
- 9:05 a.m. (1) **Climate Impacts on New Mexico and Policy Recommendations for Achieving Executive Order Climate Targets**
—Sarah Cottrell Propst, Secretary, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department; Co-Chair, New Mexico Interagency Climate Change Task Force
—James C. Kenney, Secretary, Department of Environment; Co-Chair, New Mexico Interagency Climate Change Task Force
—Brenda Ekwurzel, Ph.D., Director of Climate Science, Climate and Energy Program, Union of Concerned Scientists
—Noah Long, Director, Western Region, Climate and Clean Energy Program, Natural Resources Defense Council
—Rama Zakaria, Senior Manager, Regulatory Policy and Analysis, Environmental Defense Fund
- 10:15 a.m. (2) **Decarbonization Policies**
—Cris Moore, Professor, Santa Fe Institute
—Jessika Trancik, Associate Professor of Energy Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
—Seth Blumsack, Professor of Energy and Environmental Economics and International Affairs, Department of Energy and Mineral Engineering, Pennsylvania State University
- 11:15 a.m. (3) **Update on the SunZia Transmission Project**
—John Ryan, Executive Director, SunZia
—Jeremy Turner, Director, New Mexico Project Development, Pattern Energy Group LP
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**

- 1:00 p.m. (4) **Community Solar**
—Representative Patricia Roybal Caballero
—Senator Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics
—Paul Biderman, J.D., Working Group Facilitator; Retired Director,
Institute of Public Law, University of New Mexico (UNM) School of
Law
—Beth Beloff, Executive Director, Coalition of Sustainable Communities
New Mexico
—Mayane Barudin, Interior West Manager and Tribal Liaison, Vote Solar
—Pilar Thomas, Partner, Quarles & Brady LLP
- 1:45 p.m. (5) **Creating a Statewide Environmental Database**
—Judy Calman, Director of Policy, Audubon New Mexico
—Rayo McCollough, Emeritus Information Manager, Natural Heritage New
Mexico, Biology Department, UNM
—Dr. Esteban Muldavin, Director, Natural Heritage New Mexico, Biology
Department, UNM
—Joe Weber, Information Manager, Virginia Natural Heritage Program,
Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
- 2:30 p.m. (6) **Implementing the Federal Great American Outdoors Act, Utilizing the
Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and Proposing
Mechanisms to Establish Dedicated Statewide Conservation Funding**
—Mike Sullivan, Senior Advisor, Office of United States Senator Martin
Heinrich
—Conor Hall, Director, Conservation Strategies, Policy, Advocacy and
Government Relations for the Intermountain West, Trust for Public
Land
- 3:15 p.m. (7) **Report on the Strategic Water Reserve and the New Mexico Unit Fund**
—Rolf Schmidt-Petersen, Director, Interstate Stream Commission (ISC)
- 3:45 p.m. **Public Comment***
- 4:15 p.m. **Executive Session (Closed to Public): Update on *Texas v. New Mexico***
—Tania Maestas, Chief Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney
General
—Zachary Ogaz, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
—Cholla Khoury, Director, Consumer and Environmental Protection
Division, Office of the Attorney General
—John R. D'Antonio, Jr., P.E., State Engineer
—Rolf Schmidt-Petersen, Director, ISC

5:00 p.m.

Adjourn

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