

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

**October 26-28, 2009
Rooms 101-102, Montoya Administration Building
Northern New Mexico College
Española**

Monday, October 26 — Acequia Subcommittee

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order**
—Representative Thomas A. Garcia, Chair, Acequia Subcommittee
- 9:05 a.m. **Welcoming Remarks**
—Santa Cruz Irrigation District, Rio de Chama Acequias Association, Las
Nueve Acequias del Rio Grande, Rio Arriba County and New
Mexico Acequia Association
- 9:30 a.m. **Overview of Acequia History and Current Initiatives**
—Paula Garcia, New Mexico Acequia Association
- 10:00 a.m. **Long-Term Reinvestment in Acequia Irrigation Infrastructure**
—Harold Trujillo, La Asociacion de las Acequias del Valle de Mora
—Interstate Stream Commission
- 10:30 a.m. **Acequia Self-Generated Funds: Options Through Local Public
Financing Mechanisms**
Palemon Martinez, Taos Valley Acequia Association
- 10:50 a.m. **Concerns about Impairment of Acequia Water Rights: Ponds,
Transfers and Ground Water Depletion**
—David Benavides, New Mexico Legal Aid
- 11:10 a.m. **Introduction to the New Mexico Acequia Commission**
—Ralph Vigil, Chair, New Mexico Acequia Commission
- 12:00 noon **Lunch and Acequia Hydrology Presentation and Acequia and
Community Ditch Fund**
—Dr. Alexander Fernald
—Fred Waltz

- 1:00 p.m. **Tour of Local Acequias and Presentation on Acequia Water Management**
—Santa Cruz Irrigation District
- 2:00 p.m. **Santa Cruz Farm and Greenhouses; Acequia Agricultural Revitalization**
—Don Bustos
- 2:45 p.m. **Depart for Northern New Mexico College**
- 3:00 p.m. **Metering of Acequia Diversions; Perspective from the Field**
—Johnny Reed, Mimbres Acequia Association
- 3:30 p.m. **Regional Acequia Issues**
—Andrew Leo Lopez, South Valley Regional Association of Acequias
- 4:30 p.m. **Water Storage: Challenges for Acequias**
—Milton Cisneros, Cerro de Guadalupe Acequia Association
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

Tuesday, October 27 — Full Committee

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order**
—Senator Phil A. Griego, Chair, Water and Natural Resources Committee
- 9:05 a.m. **Welcoming Remarks**
—TBD
- 9:15 a.m. **Buckman Direct Diversion Project Status**
—Rick Carpenter, Project Manager, Buckman Direct Diversion Project
- 10:00 a.m. **Solid Waste Management — Landfill Management and Permitting**
—Mark Turnbough, Ph.D., Environmental Consultant
—Mark Miller, Chair, National Solid Waste Management Association,
New Mexico Chapter
—I. Keith Gordon, Gordon Environmental, Inc.
—Marla Shoats, Lobbyist, Waste Connections, Inc.
- 11:00 a.m. **Elk Depredation Issues in Northern New Mexico**
—Art Martinez, Hunting and Fishing Outfitter
—Kent Salazar, State Game Commissioner
—Tod Stevenson, Director, Department of Game and Fish
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**

1:15 p.m. **Consumptive Use of Crops, Conservation and the Implementation of SB 461 (2007); HJM 1 (2009)**

—Phil King, New Mexico State University (NMSU)
—Rhonda Skaggs, Department of Agricultural Economics and
Agricultural Business, NMSU
—Zohrab Samani, Department of Civil Engineering, NMSU

2:30 p.m. **Acequia Subcommittee Report**

—Representative Thomas A. Garcia, Chair
—Paula Garcia, Executive Director, New Mexico Acequia Association

3:00 p.m. **Outstanding Resource Waters Designation**

—Marcy Leavitt, Director, Water and Waste Management Division,
Department of Environment (NMED)
—Representative Debbie A. Rodella

4:00 p.m. **Triennial Review of Water Quality Standards**

—Marcy Leavitt, Director, Water and Waste Management Division,
NMED
—Pam Homer, Water Quality Standards Coordinator, NMED
—T.J. Trujillo, Lobbyist

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

Wednesday, October 28

9:00 a.m. **Non-Native Phreatophyte Plan Status**

—Dusty Hunt, Soil and Water Conservation Commission
—Jose Varela Lopez, Soil and Water Conservation Commission
—Larry Winn, Soil and Water Conservation Commission

9:45 a.m. **Utton Transboundary Resources Center Programs**

—Susan Kelly, Interim Director, Utton Transboundary Resources Center

10:00 a.m. **Ownership of Pore Space Issues**

—Caren Cowan, Executive Director, New Mexico Cattlegrowers'
Association
—Senator Clinton D. Harden, Jr.

11:00 a.m. **Wolf Reintroduction in the Gila National Forest**

—Michael Robinson, Center for Biological Diversity
—Tod Stevenson, Director, Department of Game and Fish
—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
—Ed Wehrheim, Catron County Commissioner

12:00 noon **Adjourn**