

Revised: August 27, 2021

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

**September 7, 2021
Corona Range and Livestock Research Center
8 Miles East of Corona on Torrance County Road CO20
Corona**

**September 8, 2021
State Capitol, House Chambers
Santa Fe**

Tuesday, September 7 — Corona Range and Livestock Research Center, Corona

- 9:30 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Senator Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics, Chair, Water and Natural Resources
Committee
- 9:45 a.m. (1) **[Welcome and Overview of the Corona Range and Livestock Research
Center](#)**
—Shad Cox, Superintendent, Corona Range and Livestock Research Center,
New Mexico State University (NMSU)
- 10:00 a.m. (2) **[Drought Effects and Economic Impacts on Beef Cattle and Ranching](#)**
—Dr. Eric Scholljegerdes, Associate Professor, Department of Animal and
Range Sciences, College of Agricultural, Consumer and
Environmental Sciences, NMSU
—Dr. Jay Lillywhite, Department Head and Professor, Department of
Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business, College of
Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, NMSU
- 11:00 a.m. (3) **[Upper Watershed Health Effects on Downstream Users](#)**
—Dr. Connie Maxwell, Postdoctoral Researcher, Lead of New Mexico
Water Resources Research Institute Water and Community
Collaboration Lab, NMSU
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**

- 1:00 p.m. (4) [Briefing from Pattern Energy and Overview of Western Spirit Wind Project](#)
—Jeremy Turner, Director, New Mexico Project Development, Pattern Energy
—Crystal Coffman, Director, Business Development, Pattern Energy
—Marco Gonzales, New Mexico Registered Lobbyist, Pattern Energy

2:00 p.m. **Tour of Western Spirit Wind Project***
*This is an invitation-only tour for committee members and staff.

4:30 p.m. **Recess**

Wednesday, September 8 — State Capitol, House Chambers, Santa Fe

9:00 a.m. **Reconvene**
—Senator Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics, Chair, Water and Natural Resources Committee

9:10 a.m. (5) [State Parks Updates and Initiatives](#)
—Toby Velasquez, Director, State Parks Division, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

10:00 a.m. (6) [Water Governance Opportunities and Imperatives](#)
—Paul Hultin, Water Lawyer, Santa Fe
—Kyle Harwood, Partner, Egolf + Ferlic + Martinez + Harwood, LLC
—Stacy Timmons, Associate Director, Hydrogeology Programs, Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
—Theresa Cardenas, Policy Manager, New Mexico First

11:30 a.m. (7) [Water Importation in Southeast New Mexico](#)
—Michael Skarke, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Water Infrastructure, Select Energy Services
—Greg Ridgley, General Counsel, Office of the State Engineer (OSE)

12:30 p.m. **Public Comment***

12:45 p.m. **Working Lunch**

1:15 p.m. (8) [Pecos River Updates](#)
—Greg Ridgley, General Counsel, OSE
—Hannah Riseley-White, Deputy Director, Interstate Stream Commission, OSE (invited)

2:15 p.m. (9) **Proposed Green Amendment**
—Maya K. van Rossum, Founder, Green Amendments for the Generations
Movement
—Terry Sloan, Director, Southwest Native Cultures

3:15 p.m. (10) **Discussion of Stream Access**
—Joanna Prukop, Former Secretary of Energy, Minerals and Natural
Resources; Former Chair, State Game Commission
—Lesli Allison, Executive Director, Western Landowners Alliance
—Frank Adelo, Co-Founder and President, Upper Pecos Watershed
Association
—Robert Levin, New Mexico State Director, American Canoe Association
—Steve Harris, Public Affairs Director, New Mexico River Outfitters
Association

5:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

*Members of the public may make comments during the public comment portion of the meeting in person or, if watching remotely, by clicking the video icon beneath the meeting agenda on the Water and Natural Resources Committee [web page](#) and following the instructions under the "Extra Information" section.