

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

**September 11-12, 2025
University of New Mexico-Taos
Bataan Hall
121 Civic Plaza Drive
Taos**

Thursday, September 11

- 9:15 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Senator Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics, Chair, Water and Natural Resources
Committee (WNRC)
—Representative Matthew McQueen, Vice Chair, WNRC
- 9:30 a.m. (1) **Welcome and Local Updates**
—Mary Gutierrez, Ed.D., Chancellor, University of New Mexico-Taos
—Pascualito Maestas, Mayor, Town of Taos
- 10:15 a.m. (2) **Pollinator Protection Plan: Next Steps**
—Kamaile DeLong, State Pest Survey Coordinator and Apiary Specialist,
New Mexico Department of Agriculture; Chair, Pollinator Protection
Plan Working Group
—Melanie Kirby, Agriculture Extension Educator and Pollinator Specialist,
Land-Grant Programs, Institute of American Indian Arts; Queen Bee
Breeder, Zia Queenbees Farm & Field Institute
—TBD
- 11:15 a.m. (3) **Community Resilience and Wildfire Mitigation: Microgrids, Energy
Storage and Public Safety Power Shutoffs**
—Rebecca "Puck" Stair, Director, Energy Conservation and Management
Division, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
(EMNRD)
—Luis A. Reyes Jr., Chief Executive Officer, Kit Carson Electric
Cooperative
—Lee Boughey, Vice President, Member Experience, Tri-State Generation
and Transmission Association, Inc.
—Wes Gray, Vice President, Operations and Engineering, Public Service
Company of New Mexico
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch**

- 1:00 p.m. (4) [**Land Conservation Incentives Act**](#)
—Jonathan Hayden, Executive Director, New Mexico Land Conservancy
—Ben Shelton, Deputy Secretary, EMNRD
—Esteban Muldavin, Ph.D., Landowner; Division Leader and Ecology Coordinator, Natural Heritage New Mexico
—Cecilia Rosacker, Executive Director, Rio Grande Agricultural Land Trust
- 2:00 p.m. (5) [**Rio Grande Trail \(RGT\) Progress Update**](#)
—Carl Colonius, Program Manager, New Mexico Outdoor Recreation Division, Economic Development Department
—Ben Bajema, Chair, RGT Commission; Senior Advisor to the Secretary, EMNRD
—Casey Ish, Water Resources Specialist, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
- 3:00 p.m. (6) [**State Supplemental Land and Water Conservation Fund and Land of Enchantment Legacy Fund Updates**](#)
—Judy Calman, Policy Director, Audubon New Mexico
—Gillian Joyce, Government Relations, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union; Executive Director, Alianza Agricultura de Taos
—Robert Stokes, Ph.D., Program Support Bureau Chief, State Parks Division, EMNRD
- 4:00 p.m. (7) [**Department of Game and Fish Reform Implementation**](#)
—Michael B. Sloane, Director, Department of Game and Fish
—Jon Hayes, Executive Director, Audubon Southwest
—Jesse Deubel, Executive Director, New Mexico Wildlife Federation
- 5:00 p.m. **Public Comment***
- 5:15 p.m. **Recess**

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- 8:30 a.m. (8) [**Acequia Capacity Building and Technical Assistance**](#)
—Paula Garcia, Executive Director, New Mexico Acequia Association (NMAA)
—Jonathan Martinez, Chief, Acequia Bureau, Interstate Stream Commission (ISC)
—Manuel Luna, Small Local Public Body Coordinator, Office of the State Auditor

- 9:15 a.m. (9) **Water Security Planning Act**
—Hannah Riseley-White, Director, ISC
—Mike Hamman, P.E., Former State Engineer; Member, Executive Committee, New Mexico Water Ambassadors
—Daryl Vigil, Water and Tribes Initiative; Member, New Mexico Water Ambassadors
—Vidal Gonzales, Director of Policy and Planning, NMAA
—Norm Gaume, P.E. (retired), President, New Mexico Water Advocates
- 10:30 a.m. (10) **Strategic Water Reserve Funding**
—Pam Homer, Strategic Water Reserve Technical Lead, ISC
—Steven Fry, Policy and Project Specialist, Amigos Bravos
- 11:00 a.m. (11) **Texas v. New Mexico: Supreme Court Filing Update**
—Nat Chakeres, General Counsel, Office of the State Engineer
—Hannah Riseley-White, Director, ISC
—James Grayson, Chief Deputy Attorney General, State Department of Justice
- 12:00 noon **Adjourn**

*Members of the public may make virtual public comments during the public comment period of the meeting by following the instructions under the "Additional Information" section of the WNRC [web page](#).