

Revised: September 13, 2010

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
THIRD MEETING
of the
ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**September 20-21, 2010
Barbara Hubbard Room, New Mexico State University
Las Cruces**

Monday, September 20

- 8:00 a.m. **Call to Order**
- 8:05 a.m. **Whistlestop Tour of Spaceport America**
—Rick Homans, Executive Director, Spaceport Authority
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch at the Truth or Consequences Civic Center**
- 1:00 p.m. **Spaceport America Update**
—Rick Homans, Executive Director, Spaceport Authority
—George T. Whitesides, Chief Executive Officer, Virgin Galactic
—Mark Lautman, Chief Executive Officer, Lautman Economic Architecture
—Dr. Patricia Hynes, Director, New Mexico Space Grant Consortium
- 3:00 p.m. **Leave Truth or Consequences. Return to Las Cruces**
- 4:30 p.m. **Recess**

Tuesday, September 21

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order**
- 9:05 a.m. **Welcome to New Mexico State University (NMSU)**
—Ben Woods, Senior Vice President for External Relations, Chief of Staff,
NMSU
- 9:10 a.m. **Need for a Farmer Protection Act — Report from Various Stakeholders to
Determine Whether Fears of Genetically Engineered Chile and Other Seeds
Are Well-Founded**
—Dr. David Thompson, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Consumer and
Environmental Science, Director, Agricultural Experiment Station,
NMSU
—Dino Cervantes, General Manager, Cervantes Enterprises, Inc.
—Diane Albert, The Law Office of Diane Albert, Chair, Intellectual Property

Law Section Board of the State Bar of New Mexico
—Isaura Andaluz, Advocate, Save New Mexico Seeds Coalition

10:30 a.m. **Economic Development Impact of Infrastructure for Colonias; Domestic Water Usage in Colonias; How Colonias Are Using the Funding They Receive**

—Silvia Sierra, Director, Doña Ana County Health and Human Services Department

—Sue Padilla, Assistant County Manager, Doña Ana County

—Chuck McMahon, Director, Community Development Department, Doña Ana County

11:15 a.m. **New Las Cruces Tax Increment Development District Update**

—William Slettom, Downtown Development Coordinator, City of Las Cruces

12:00 noon **Adjourn**