

Revised: July 29, 2011

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
THIRD MEETING IN 2011
of the
WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**August 1-3, 2011
Grant County Business Center, 3031 Highway 180 East
Silver City**

Monday, August 1

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order**
—Senator Phil A. Griego, Chair
- 9:05 a.m. **Welcome**
—James Marshall, Mayor, Silver City
- 9:15 a.m. **Arizona Water Settlements Act; Gila River Planning Process Status**
—Craig Roepke, Interstate Stream Commission
—Vance Lee, Gila-San Francisco Water Commission
—Allyson Siwik, Executive Director, Gila Conservation Coalition
—Martha Cooper, Co-Chair, Arizona Water Settlements Act Stakeholder
Group and The Nature Conservancy
—Topper Thorpe, Co-Chair, Arizona Water Settlements Act Stakeholder
Group and Gila Basin Irrigation Commission
- 11:00 a.m. **Indian Water Rights Settlement Fund and Other Federal/State Cost-
Sharing Projects**
—Estevan Lopez, Director, Interstate Stream Commission
—John D'Antonio, State Engineer
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **Sacramento Watershed Hydrographic Study**
—B. Talon Newton, Hydrogeologist, New Mexico Institute of Mining and
Technology
—Bill Mershon, Supervisor, Otero Soil and Water Conservation District
—Rick Baish, Supervisor, Otero Soil and Water Conservation District
- 2:00 p.m. **Lower Rio Grande Update — 2008 Operating Agreement and
Adjudication Issues**
—Estevan Lopez, Director, Interstate Stream Commission
—John D'Antonio, State Engineer
—Steve Farris or Sarah Bond, New Mexico Attorney General's Office
—Phil King, Ph.D., and Samantha Barncastle, Elephant Butte Irrigation
District
—Filiberto Cortez, Manager, El Paso Field Division, United States Bureau

of Reclamation
—Bill Gomez, Executive Director, Southern Rio Grande Diversified Crop
Farmers Association

4:00 p.m. **San Augustine Plains Application to Appropriate Underground
Waters**
—Bruce Frederick, New Mexico Environmental Law Center, Attorney for
Protestants
—Eileen Dodds, Protestant
—Anita Hand-Gutierrez, Protestant
—Lin Kennedy, Protestant

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

Tuesday, August 2

9:00 a.m. **Call to Order**
—Senator Phil A. Griego, Chair

9:05 a.m. **Update on the Middle Rio Grande Biological Opinion**
—Rolf Schmidt-Peterson, Interstate Stream Commission
—Subhas Shah, Chief Engineer, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
—Mike Hamman, Albuquerque Area Manager, United States Bureau of
Reclamation

10:30 a.m. **Seizure and Brand Inspection of Livestock**
—Myles Culbertson, Executive Director, New Mexico Livestock Board
—Bebo Lee, Past President, New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association

11:45 a.m. **Lunch**
—Western New Mexico University

1:30 p.m. **Electric Cooperatives Update**
—Keven J. Groenewold, Executive Vice President and General Manager,
New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association
—Ron Cunningham, Vice President — Power Delivery, Western Farmers
Electric Cooperative
—Joel Bladow, Senior Vice President — Transmission, Tri-State
Generation and Transmission Association

3:00 p.m. **New Mexico State University (NMSU) and New Mexico Department of Agriculture Update on Agricultural Issues in the State — Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service**
—Jeff M. Witte, Director, New Mexico Department of Agriculture
—David C. Thompson, Ph.D., Associate Dean and Director, Agricultural Experiment Station, NMSU
—Jon C. Boren, Ph.D., Associate Dean and Director, Cooperative Extension Service, NMSU

4:30 p.m. **Fireworks Ban Bill**
—Senator Dede Feldman

5:30 p.m. **Recess**

Wednesday, August 3

9:00 a.m. **Call to Order**
—Senator Phil A. Griego, Chair

9:05 a.m. **Game and Fish Update**

Invasive Species, Wildlife Depredation, Off-Highway Motor Vehicles, Hunting License Changes (SB 196)
—Tod Stevenson, Director, Department of Game and Fish

Possible Endangered Species Listings — Dunes Sagebrush Lizard and Lesser-Prairie Chicken
—Tod Stevenson, Director, Department of Game and Fish
—Debbie Hughes, Executive Director, New Mexico Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts
—Steve Henke, President, New Mexico Oil and Gas Association
—Jerry Fanning, Environmental Coordinator, Yates Petroleum Corporation

11:00 a.m. **Wolf Reintroduction Management**
—Lorna Ruebelmann, Great Old Broads for Wilderness
—Nancy Gregory, Founder, Friends of the Frisco
—Michael Robinson, Biodiversity Conservation Advocate
—Ty Bays, Southwest Vice President, New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association

12:00 noon **Adjourn**