

**2010 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

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Work Plan

The Water and Natural Resources Committee was created by the New Mexico Legislative Council on May 12, 2010. The New Mexico Legislative Council requested all interim committees to provide input to the Government Restructuring Task Force regarding agencies that the particular committee regularly deals with. In addition, the committee proposes to focus on the following topics:

1. Land and water issues, including testimony on the following agenda items:
 - reports required by statute from the state engineer, Interstate Stream Commission and Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department;
 - Interstate Stream Commission contract with Intel on offset rights;
 - adjudications status update;

- Gila River planning process status;
 - acequia issues;
 - Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority issues;
 - ground water administration — ground water modeling and implementation of conservation regulations as applied to ground water, conservation and beneficial use;
 - dam safety and liability issues;
 - ongoing and projected annual costs of water projects and programs;
 - final Aamodt settlement terms/benefits;
 - deep well permitting process;
 - Utton Center and Joe M Stell Ombudsman program update;
 - use of return-flow credits in water rights administration;
 - aquifer mapping projects; and
 - flood control levee and flood plain mapping issues.
2. Agriculture issues, including testimony on the following agenda items:
- merging the Organic Commodities Commission with the New Mexico Department of Agriculture;
 - Soil and Water Conservation Commission programs;
 - dairy operation waste disposal rules;
 - elk depredation issues;
 - commercial hemp production; and
 - trends in agriculture.
3. Miscellaneous natural resource issues, including testimony on the following agenda items:

- New Mexico Forest and Watershed Institute presentation; and
- effect of incorporation by Anthony on colonias funding.

**Water and Natural Resources Committee
2010 Approved Meeting Schedule and Budget**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 4	Santa Fe
July 21-22	Santa Fe
August 30-31	Las Cruces
October 18-19	Santa Fe
November 29-30	Santa Fe