

**MINUTES  
of the  
FIRST MEETING  
of the  
WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**June 15, 2021  
Video Conference Meeting**

The first meeting of the Water and Natural Resources Committee was called to order by Senator Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics, chair, on June 15, 2021 at 1:03 p.m. by video conference via an online platform.

**Present**

Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics, Chair  
Rep. Derrick J. Lente, Co-Vice Chair  
Rep. Matthew McQueen, Co-Vice Chair  
Rep. Gail Armstrong  
Sen. Pete Campos  
Sen. Joseph Cervantes  
Sen. David M. Gallegos  
Rep. Susan K. Herrera  
Rep. Tara L. Lujan  
Rep. Marian Matthews  
Rep. Kristina Ortez  
Rep. Larry R. Scott  
Sen. Benny Shendo, Jr.  
Sen. Jeff Steinborn  
Rep. James R.J. Strickler  
Rep. Candie G. Sweetser  
Sen. Pat Woods  
Rep. Martin R. Zamora

**Absent**

Sen. Stuart Ingle

**Advisory Members**

Sen. Crystal R. Diamond  
Rep. Rebecca Dow  
Sen. Ron Griggs  
Rep. Raymundo Lara  
Sen. Linda M. Lopez  
Rep. Greg Nibert  
Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino  
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto  
Rep. Andrea Romero  
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero  
Rep. Debra M. Sariñana  
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez  
Rep. Nathan P. Small  
Sen. Peter Wirth

Rep. Jack Chatfield  
Rep. Candy Spence Ezzell  
Sen. Carrie Hamblen  
Rep. T. Ryan Lane  
Rep. Rod Montoya  
Rep. Roger E. Montoya  
Rep. William "Bill" R. Rehm  
Rep. G. Andrés Romero  
Rep. Angelica Rubio  
Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez  
Sen. Mimi Stewart

**Guest Legislator**

Sen. Nancy Rodriguez

**Staff**

Shawna Casebier, Legislative Council Service (LCS)

Tom Kricka, LCS

Ariel MacMillan-Sanchez, LCS

Sara Wiedmaier, LCS

**Guests**

The guest list is in the meeting file.

**Handouts**

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and posted on the legislature's website.

**References to Webcast**

The time reference noted next to each agenda item in this document is cross-referenced to the webcast of the committee meeting, which can be found at [www.nmlegis.gov](http://www.nmlegis.gov), under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and committee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

**Tuesday, June 15****Discussion of 2021 Interim Work Plan and Meeting Schedule (1:30 p.m.)**

Ms. Casebier presented the 2021 proposed work plan and meeting schedule. Committee members discussed potential additions to or clarifications of work plan topics. The document can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/WNR%20061521%20Item%201%20Proposed%202021%20Work%20Plan.pdf>.

**Motion (2:03 p.m.)**

Upon a motion made by Senator Steinborn, and seconded by Representative Lujan, and without objection, the 2021 proposed work plan and meeting schedule was adopted as amended.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (Closed Meeting): Briefing on *Texas v. New Mexico* (2:19 p.m.)**

Cholla Khoury, director, Consumer and Environmental Protection Division, Office of the Attorney General, and Zachary Ogaz, assistant attorney general, Office of the Attorney General, presented a briefing on the ongoing *Texas v. New Mexico* litigation in closed executive session.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.