

Revised: August 23, 2024

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

**August 26-27, 2024
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
Fidel Center, Ballroom B and C
801 Leroy Place
Socorro**

Monday, August 26

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Representative Matthew McQueen, Chair
—Senator Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics, Vice Chair
- 9:15 a.m. (1) **Welcome**
—Michael Jackson, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic
 Affairs, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (NMIMT)
- 9:25 a.m. (2) **Introduction of New State Engineer**
—Elizabeth Anderson, State Engineer, Office of the State Engineer (OSE)
- 9:45 a.m. (3) **50-Year Water Plan: Overview and Funding**
—Rebecca Roose, Infrastructure Advisor, Office of the Governor
—Tanya Trujillo, Deputy State Engineer, OSE
- 10:45 a.m. (4) **"Strategic Water Supply": Brackish and Produced Water**
—Rebecca Roose, Infrastructure Advisor, Office of the Governor
—James Kenney, Secretary, Department of Environment (NMED)
—Tricia Snyder, Program Director, Rivers and Waters, New Mexico Wild
—Tannis Fox, Senior Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center
—Norm Gaume, P.E. (retired), President, Water Advocates for New Mexico
 and the Middle Rio Grande
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (5) **Strategic Water Reserve: Funding and Proposed Changes**
—Hannah Riseley-White, Director, Interstate Stream Commission (ISC)
—Martha Schumann Cooper, Freshwater Program Director, The Nature
 Conservancy-New Mexico
—Anjali Bean, Senior Policy Analyst, Healthy Rivers, Western Resource
 Advocates

- 2:00 p.m. (6) [Indian Water Rights Litigation and Settlements](#)
 —Nathaniel "Nat" Chakeres, General Counsel, OSE
 —Tanya Trujillo, Deputy State Engineer, OSE
 —Larry Phillips, Jr., Governor, Ohkay Owingeh
 —Darel Madrid, President, Rio de Chama Acequia Association
- 3:00 p.m. (7) [Low Flow Conveyance Channel](#)
 —Hannah Riseley-White, Director, ISC
 —Jason Casuga, Chief Engineer and Chief Executive Officer (CEO),
 Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD)
 —Jennifer Faler, Manager, Albuquerque Area Office, United States Bureau
 of Reclamation
 —Gina Dello Russo, Friends of Bosque del Apache
 —Daniel Timmons, Rio Grande Waterkeeper and Wild Rivers Program
 Director, WildEarth Guardians
- 4:15 p.m. (8) [Compact Compliance: Rio Grande and Colorado River](#)
 —Hannah Riseley-White, Director, ISC
 —Estevan Lopez, Commissioner, Upper Colorado River Commission
 —Jason Casuga, Chief Engineer and CEO, MRGCD
 —Samantha Barncastle, General Counsel, Elephant Butte Irrigation District
 (EBID)
 —Anjali Bean, Senior Policy Analyst, Healthy Rivers, Western Resource
 Advocates

5:15 p.m. **Recess**

Tuesday, August 27

- 9:00 a.m. (9) [Surface Water Permitting and Water Quality Act Revisions](#)
 —Shelly Lemon, Chief, Surface Water Quality Bureau, NMED
 —Rachel Conn, Deputy Director, Amigos Bravos
 —Vidal Gonzales, Community Planner and Governance Specialist, New
 Mexico Acequia Association (NMAA)
- 10:15 a.m. (10) [Regional Water Planning](#)
 —Hannah Riseley-White, Director, ISC
 —Andrew Erdmann, Water Planning Program Manager, ISC
 —Paula Garcia, Executive Director, NMAA; Member, Protect New Mexico
 Waters Coalition
 —Bill Connor, Executive Director, New Mexico Rural Water Association
 —Ladona Clayton, Executive Director, Ogallala Land and Water
 Conservancy
- 11:30 a.m. (11) [Water Data Act and Aquifer Mapping Program](#)
 —Stacy Timmons, Associate Director, Hydrogeology, New Mexico Bureau
 of Geology and Mineral Resources, NMIMT

—Katie Zemlick, Chief, Hydrology Bureau, OSE
—Phil King, P.E., Technical Advisor, OSE; Ambassador, New Mexico
Water Ambassadors

12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

1:15 p.m. (12) **Production Strategies: Cloud Seeding and Water Harvesting**
—Mike Cone, Chair, Roosevelt Soil and Water Conservation District
 (RSWCD)
—George Bomar, Meteorologist, RSWCD
—Phoebe Suina, Commissioner, ISC
—Scott Lopez, New Mexico Advisor, Source
—Colin Goddard, Vice President, Business Development, Source

2:15 p.m. (13) **Conservation Policies and Water Management in Agriculture**
—Jason Casuga, Chief Engineer and CEO, MRGCD
—Gary Esslinger, Manager, EBID
—Don Bustos, Member, NMAA; Owner, Santa Cruz Farm and
 Greenhouses
—Chili Yazzie, Member, New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council

3:15 p.m. **Public Comment***

3:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

*Members of the public may make virtual public comments during the public comment period of the meeting by following the instructions under the "Virtual Public Comment" section of the Water and Natural Resources Committee [web page](#).