

Revised: October 25, 2024

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

**October 28-29, 2024
Inn of the Mountain Gods
287 Carrizo Canyon Road
Mescalero**

Monday, October 28

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Representative Matthew McQueen, Chair, Water and Natural Resources
Committee (WNRC)
- 9:15 a.m. (1) **Welcome and Mescalero Carbon-Free Energy Development Goals**
—Thora Walsh Padilla, President, Mescalero Apache Tribe
- 10:00 a.m. (2) **Wildfire Impacts, Mitigation and Recovery Efforts**
—Thora Walsh Padilla, President, Mescalero Apache Tribe
—Lynn Crawford, Mayor, Village of Ruidoso
—Mark Fischer, Commissioner, District 5, Lincoln County Board of
County Commissioners
—Rick Baugh, General Manager, Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino
—Charise Swanson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), New Mexico Rural
Electric Cooperatives
- 11:15 a.m. (3) **Oil and Gas Royalty Rates on State Trust Land**
—Greg Bloom, Assistant Commissioner, Mineral Resources, State Land
Office (SLO)
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 12:45 p.m. (4) **Oil and Gas Act Reforms: Surface Setbacks for Oil and Gas Wells**
—Michael Lumpkin, Ph.D., D.A.B.T., Senior Toxicologist, CTEH, LLC
—Greg Bloom, Assistant Commissioner, Mineral Resources, SLO
—Detlev Helmig, Ph.D., Lead Scientist, Boulder Atmosphere Innovation
Research LLC
—Jozee Zuniga, Community Organizer, Youth United for Climate Crisis
Action
—Colin Cox, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity

- 1:45 p.m. (5) [**Oil and Gas Act Reforms: Limiting Well Transfers**](#)
—Greg Bloom, Assistant Commissioner, Mineral Resources, SLO
—Ben Shelton, Acting Deputy Secretary and General Counsel, Energy,
Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)
- 2:30 p.m. (6) [**Oil and Gas Act Reforms: Bonding and Reclamation Fund Changes**](#)
—Ben Shelton, Acting Deputy Secretary and General Counsel, EMNRD
—Senator Greg Nibert
- 3:15 p.m. (7) [**Methane Rules: Implementation, Effectiveness and Permanency**](#)
—Ben Shelton, Acting Deputy Secretary and General Counsel, EMNRD
—Michelle Miano, Director, Environmental Protection Division,
Department of Environment (NMED)
—Erik Schlenker-Goodrich, Executive Director, Western Environmental
Law Center
- 4:15 p.m. (8) [**Carbon Capture and Sequestration, Direct Air Capture and Pore Space**](#)
—Mark Pedrotty, President and CEO, CO2Rescue LLC
—Robert Balch, Director, Petroleum Recovery Research Center, New
Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
—David Schlissel, Director, Resource Planning Analysis, Institute for
Energy Economics and Financial Analysis
—Morgan O'Grady, Staff Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center
- 5:15 p.m. **Recess**

Tuesday, October 29

- 9:00 a.m. (9) [**Solar Development: Interconnection Issues, Community Solar and the Proposed Local Solar Access Fund**](#)
—Cholla Khoury, Chief of Staff, Public Regulation Commission (PRC)
—Kevin Cray, Senior Director, Mountain West, Coalition for Community
Solar Access
—Alysha Shaw, Campaign Director, Public Power New Mexico
—Randy Sadewic, President and Chief Financial Officer, Positive Energy
Solar
—Eric Segovia, General Manager and Executive Vice President, Roosevelt
County Electric Cooperative
- 10:15 a.m. (10) [**Electric Transmission: Development, Upgrades and Issues**](#)
—Lynn Mostoller, Executive Director, New Mexico Renewable Energy
Transmission Authority
—Varner Seaman, Senior Director, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs,
Pattern Energy
—Zoë Lees, Regional Vice President, Regulatory Policy, Xcel Energy
—Verna Mandez, Director, Transmission Possible Campaign, Advanced
Energy United

- 11:15 a.m. (11) **Energy Transition Act: Progress, Challenges and Enforcement**
—Michelle Miano, Director, Environmental Protection Division, NMED
—Camilla Feibelman, Director, Rio Grande Chapter, Sierra Club
—Zoë Lees, Regional Vice President, Regulatory Policy, Xcel Energy
—Duane Highley, CEO, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.
—Cholla Khoury, Chief of Staff, PRC
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (12) **Electric Grid Capacity and "Powering Up New Mexico"**
—Max Baumhefner, Director, EV Infrastructure, Climate and Energy, Natural Resources Defense Council
—Jim DesJardins, Executive Director, Renewable Energy Industries Association of New Mexico
—Cholla Khoury, Chief of Staff, PRC
- 2:00 p.m. (13) **Green Hydrogen: Opportunities and Challenges**
—Luis A. Reyes Jr., CEO, Kit Carson Electric Cooperative
—Michelle Miano, Director, Environmental Protection Division, NMED
—Jeremy Sment, Principal Engineer and Acting Manager, Concentrating Solar Technologies Department, Sandia National Laboratories
—Morgan Rote, Senior Director, Energy Transition, Environmental Defense Fund
- 3:00 p.m. **Public Comment***
- 3:15 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 WNRC [web page](#).