

Revised: August 8, 2023

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

**August 7-9, 2023
San Juan College
School of Energy, Merrion Room
5301 College Boulevard
Farmington**

Monday, August 7

- 10:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Senator Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics, Chair, Water and Natural Resources
Committee (WNRC)
—Representative Matthew McQueen, Vice Chair, WNRC
- 10:15 a.m. (1) **[Welcome and Updates from the City of Farmington and San Juan
County](#)**
—Nate Duckett, Mayor, City of Farmington
—Mike Stark, Manager, San Juan County
- 11:00 a.m. (2) **[Updates on Navajo Nation Infrastructure](#)**
—Patrick J. Sandoval, Chief of Staff, Office of the President, Navajo Nation
—Arvin Trujillo, Executive Administrator, Office of the President, Navajo
Nation
—Srinivasa "Veni" Venigalla, P.E., Deputy General Manager, Navajo
Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA)
- 12:00 noon (3) **[Welcome and Updates on San Juan College \(SJC\) School of Energy
Programs and Tour](#)**
—Toni Pendergrass, Ph.D., President, SJC
—Alicia Corbell, Dean, School of Energy, SJC
- 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:45 p.m. (4) **[Department of Game and Fish \(DGF\): Legislative Priorities, Budget
and Staffing Update and Role in the 30x30 Initiative](#)**
—Michael Sloane, Director, DGF

- 2:45 p.m. (5) [Public Stream Access and Ruling on Private Land Restrictions](#)
—Michael Sloane, Director, DGF
—James Grayson, Chief Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
—Jesse Deubel, Executive Director, New Mexico Wildlife Federation
- 4:00 p.m. (6) [Strategic Water Reserve and Environmental Flows: Ensuring Compact Compliance and Protecting Endangered Species](#)
—Hannah Riseley-White, Director, Interstate Stream Commission
—Anjali Bean, Healthy Rivers Senior Policy Analyst, Western Resource Advocates
—Aaron Chavez, Executive Director, San Juan Water Commission

5:00 p.m. **Public Comment***

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

Tuesday, August 8

- 8:00 a.m. **Tour of San Juan River Diversion and the Frank Chee Willetto Reservoir**
- 10:15 a.m. (7) [Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project Update](#)
—Ryan Gladden, P.E., Deputy Construction Engineer, United States Bureau of Reclamation
—Mike Hamman, P.E., State Engineer, Office of the State Engineer (OSE)
—Jason John, Director, Department of Water Resources Navajo Nation
- 11:15 a.m. (8) [Local to Regional Water Resiliency: Colorado River 101 and Basin Agreement, San Juan-Chama and Animas-La Plata Project Updates](#)
—Estevan Lopez, Commissioner, Upper Colorado River Commission
—Mike Hamman, P.E., State Engineer, OSE
—Aaron Chavez, Executive Director, San Juan Water Commission
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m. **Public Comment***
- 1:30 p.m. (9) [Aquifer Mapping Program Update: Characterization and Monitoring](#)
—Stacy Timmons, Associate Director, Hydrogeology, Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (NMIMT)
—Laila Sturgis, Aquifer Mapping Program Manager, Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, NMIMT

—Patrick McCarthy, Water Policy Officer, Thornburg Foundation
—Maurice Hall, Ph.D., Senior Advisor, Climate Resilient Water Systems,
Environmental Defense Fund

2:45 p.m. (10) **Innovations In and Out of the Oil Field: Local Energy Sector Public-Private Partnerships**

—Jim Rhodes, Senior Vice President and Head of Engineering, Process Equipment and Service Company, Inc.
—Robert Balch, Ph.D., Director, Petroleum Recovery Research Center, NMIMT
—Colleen W. Bowman, Ed.D., Provost, Navajo Technical University
—Jay Paul McWilliams, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), LOGOS Energy

3:45 p.m. (11) **Hydrogen Development: Western Inter-States Hydrogen Hub, Green and Blue Hydrogen, Opportunities and Concerns**

—Claudia Borchert, Climate Change Bureau Chief, Department of Environment (NMED)
—Luis Cifuentes, Ph.D., Vice President for Research, New Mexico State University
—Matthew Gonzales, Vice President of Advocacy and Communications, Four Corners Clean Energy Alliance
—Noah Long, Director, Western Region Climate and Clean Energy Program, Natural Resources Defense Council
—Luis A. Reyes Jr., CEO, Kit Carson Electric Cooperative
—Jessica Keetso, Organizer, Tó Nizhóní Ání "Sacred Water Speaks"

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

Wednesday, August 9

9:00 a.m. (12) **The Decommissioning Process and Update on San Juan Generating Station Facility and Mine Remediation and Restoration Study Act**

—Tony Skrelunas, Executive Director, Division of Economic Development, Navajo Nation
—Sarah Cottrell Propst, Secretary, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)
—Jason Herman, Pollution Prevention Section Manager, Ground Water Quality Bureau, NMED
—Brent Heffington, Managing Director of Generation, Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM)

10:15 a.m. (13) **Land of Enchantment Legacy Fund Implementation and Impact**

—Sarah Cottrell Propst, Secretary, EMNRD
—Kate Lacey, River Stewardship Program Coordinator, Surface Water Quality Bureau, NMED
—Carl Colonius, New Mexico Outdoor Recreation Division, Economic Development Department (EDD)
—Josue de Luna, Climate Policy Innovator, The Semilla Project

11:15 a.m. (14) **Meeting Energy Transition Act Standards: Energy Replacement**
—Laura Sanchez, Executive Director, Government and Public Affairs,
PNM
—Mark Roper, Director, Economic Development Division, EDD
—Arash N. Moalemi, Deputy General Manager, NTUA Generation, Inc.
—TBD, NextEra Energy
—Joseph Hernandez, Diné Energy Organizer, NAEVA

11:30 p.m. **Public Comment***

12:00 noon **Adjourn**

*For those wishing to make public comments virtually, please email comments to:
WNRC.Comment@nmlegis.gov.