

Revised: September 25, 2024

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

**September 26-27, 2024  
Alta Vista Elementary School  
HWY 522, #4 Wildcat Road  
Questa**

**Thursday, September 26**

- 9:00 a.m.           **Call to Order and Introductions**  
—Representative Matthew McQueen, Chair, Water and Natural Resources  
Committee (WNRC)  
—Senator Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics, Vice Chair, WNRC
- 9:15 a.m.       (1)   **Welcome**  
—John Ortega, Mayor, Village of Questa
- 9:25 a.m.       (2)   **Species of Greatest Conservation Need: Funding and Uses**  
—Jon Hayes, Vice President and Executive Director, Audubon Southwest  
—Michael Sloane, Director, Department of Game and Fish (DGF)  
—Kevin Bixby, Founder and Senior Advisor, Wildlife for All
- 10:25 a.m.      (3)   **DGF and State Game Commission Reform**  
—Jessica Johnson Shelton, Senior Program and Policy Strategist, Animal  
Protection New Mexico  
—Michael Sloane, Director, DGF  
—Jesse Deubel, Executive Director, New Mexico Wildlife Federation
- 11:45 a.m.      (4)   **State Parks: Broad Canyon Report and Proposed Fee Increases**  
—Toby Velasquez, Director, State Parks Division (SPD), Energy, Minerals  
and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)  
—Jared Langenegger, Chief, Field Operations Bureau, SPD, EMNRD  
—Colleen Baker, Deputy Director, SPD, EMNRD  
—Selena Connealy, Chair, State Parks Advisory Board
- 12:45 p.m.       **Lunch**

- 1:30 p.m. (5) **Beaver Management and Restoration**  
—Karen Menetrey, Director, Ecological Opportunities, Rio Grande Return  
—Emily Fairfax, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota  
—Michael Sloane, Director, DGF  
—Chris Smith, Wildlife Program Director, WildEarth Guardians
- 2:30 p.m. (6) **Land of Enchantment Legacy Fund: Progress and Challenges**  
—Jonathan Hayden, Executive Director, New Mexico Land Conservancy  
—Jacob Pederson, Chief, Resource Management Bureau, Forestry Division, EMNRD  
—Sam Ferguson, River Stewardship Program Coordinator, Department of Environment  
—Katie Goetz, Co-Lead, Healthy Soil Program, New Mexico Department of Agriculture  
—AJ Jones, Deputy Director, New Mexico Outdoor Recreation Division, Economic Development Department  
—Michael Sloane, Director, DGF
- 4:00 p.m. (7) **Wildlife: Corridors and Crossings; Impacts from Solar Development**  
—James Hirsch, Wildlife Coordinator, Department of Transportation (DOT)  
—Trent Botkin, Manager, Natural Resources Section, DOT  
—Michael Dax, Western Program Director, Wildlands Network

5:00 p.m. **Recess**

**Friday, September 27**

- 9:00 a.m. (8) **Stream Access Enforcement**  
—James Grayson, Chief Deputy Attorney General, State Department of Justice  
—Jesse Deubel, Executive Director, New Mexico Wildlife Federation  
—Sherry Barrett, Chair, New Mexico Paddlers Coalition
- 10:15 a.m. (9) **Preserving Dark Skies in New Mexico**  
—Peter Lipscomb, Vice Chair, New Mexico Chapter, DarkSky International  
—Galen Gisler, Council Member, New Mexico Chapter, DarkSky International
- 11:00 a.m. (10) **Pesticides: Aerial Spraying and Neonics**  
—Steve Baca, Assistant Director, Division of Agricultural and Environmental Services, New Mexico Department of Agriculture  
—Sharon Selvaggio, Specialist, Pesticide Program, The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation  
—Charles Hibner, Owner and Range Manager, Hibner Ranch

- 12:00 noon           **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m.           (11) **Impacts of Lead Bullets and Tackle**  
—Jesse Deubel, Executive Director, New Mexico Wildlife Federation  
—Dan Roper, New Mexico Program Lead, Trout Unlimited
- 1:30 p.m.           (12) **Equine and Animal Welfare Trust Fund**  
—Jessica Johnson Shelton, Senior Program and Policy Strategist, Animal  
Protection New Mexico  
—Stacie Voss, Director, Animal Welfare, Farmington Regional Animal  
Shelter; Chair, Animal Shelter Committee, Board of Veterinary  
Medicine  
—Karen Herman, Ph.D., Director, Sky Mountain Wild Horse Sanctuary  
—Belinda Garland, Executive Director, New Mexico Livestock Board
- 2:45 p.m.           (13) **Terrero Mine Proposal and Protecting the Upper Pecos Watershed**  
—Ralph Vigil, Northern New Mexico Organizer, New Mexico Wild  
—Dan Roper, New Mexico Program Lead, Trout Unlimited
- 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 WNRC [web page](#).