

Revised: September 23, 2016

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
FOURTH MEETING IN 2016
of the
WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**September 29-30, 2016
Ballroom B, Fidel Center
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
Socorro**

Thursday, September 29

- 9:30 a.m. **Call to Order and Welcome**
—Representative Candy Spence Ezzell, Chair, Water and Natural Resources Committee
—Representative Don L. Tripp
—Ravi Bhasker, Mayor, City of Socorro
—Deborah Peacock, President, Board of Regents, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (NMIMT)
—Dr. Stephen G. Wells, President, NMIMT
- 9:45 a.m. (1) **NMIMT Report on Aquifer Mapping and Other Research Projects**
—Matthew J. Rhoades, Director and State Geologist, New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, NMIMT
—J. Michael Timmons, Deputy Director, New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, NMIMT
—Stacy Timmons, Aquifer Mapping Program Manager, New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, NMIMT
- 10:45 a.m. (2) **Regional Water Planning Status and Regional Water Governance Study Group Report**
—Deborah Dixon, P.E., Director, Interstate Stream Commission (ISC)
—Governance Study Group Representative
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (3) **Lower Rio Grande Alternative Administration and Ground Water Management**
—Mike Green, Public Service Company of New Mexico
—Scott Eschenbrenner, President and Chief Executive Officer, Aggie Development Incorporated, New Mexico State University
—Sue Padilla, Camino Real Regional Utility Authority
—Greg Daviet, New Mexico Pecan Growers Association

- Edmund Ogas, Southern Rio Grande Diversified Crop Farmers Association
- Jay Stein, Attorney, City of Las Cruces

- 2:30 p.m. (4) [**Forest and Watershed Restoration Projects and Funding**](#)
- Kent Reid, Ph.D., Director, New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute
 - Jim Upchurch, Deputy Regional Forester, Southwestern Region, United States Forest Service
 - Eddie Tudor, State Forester, Forestry Division, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
 - Donald Auer, Assistant Chief for Habitat and Lands, Department of Game and Fish
 - Brent Racher, President, New Mexico Forest Industry Association
 - Laura McCarthy, Director of Conservation Programs, The Nature Conservancy
- 4:15 p.m. (5) [**Texas v. New Mexico Litigation Update**](#)
- Tania Maestas, Deputy Attorney General for Civil Affairs, Office of the Attorney General
- 5:00 p.m. **Committee Tour of New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources**

Friday, September 30

- 8:30 a.m. (6) [**San Agustin Plains Proposed Appropriation Update**](#)
- Chris Lindeen, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the State Engineer
 - Anita A. Hand, Catron County Commissioner
 - Henry Edwards, San Augustin Water Coalition
- 10:00 a.m. (7) [**Colorado River Drought Contingency Planning and Cooperative Water Management Operations in the Middle Rio Grande**](#)
- Amy Haas, General Counsel, ISC
 - Kevin Flanigan, Colorado River Basin and San Juan/Gila Basin Manager, ISC
 - Deborah Dixon, P.E., Director, ISC
 - Mike Hamman, Chief Engineer, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
 - Jennifer Faler, Area Manager, Albuquerque Area Office, Bureau of Reclamation
- 11:45 a.m. (8) [**State Land Office Watershed Restoration Proposal**](#)
- Aubrey Dunn, Commissioner of Public Lands
- 12:15 p.m. **Working Lunch**

- (9) [Laun-Dry Spill Status and Ground Water Regulations](#)
—Michelle Hunter, Chief, Ground Water Quality Bureau, Department of
Environment

1:00 p.m. **Committee Tour (optional)**

3:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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