

Revised: August 10, 2021

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

**August 12-13, 2021
Bataan Hall
University of New Mexico-Taos
121 Civic Plaza Drive
Taos**

Thursday, August 12

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Welcome**
—Senator Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics, Chair, Water and Natural Resources
 Committee
—Dan Barrone, Mayor, Town of Taos
—Dr. Mary Gutierrez, Chancellor, University of New Mexico-Taos
- 9:15 a.m. (1) **Cannabis and Water Use**
—Martha Graham, Source Water Protection Program, New Mexico Rural
 Water Association
—Paula Garcia, Executive Director, New Mexico Acequia Association
—Linda Trujillo, Superintendent, Regulation and Licensing Department
—John Romero, Director, Water Rights Division, Office of the State
 Engineer
- 11:00 a.m. (2) **Managing Water Budgets for Resilience**
—Sam Fernald, Director, New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute
 (NM WRRI)
—Kevin Perez, Research Specialist, NM WRRI
—Connie Maxwell, Leader, Water and Community Collaboration Lab, NM
 WRRI
- 12:15 p.m. (3) **Irrigation Works Construction Fund**
—Paula Garcia, Executive Director, New Mexico Acequia Association
—Jonathan Martinez, Acequia Program Manager, Interstate Stream
 Commission
—Jeff Primm, Program Support Director, Office of the State Engineer
- 1:00 p.m. **Working Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. (4) **Report from the Rio Grande Trail Commission**
—Todd Leahy, Chair, Rio Grande Trail Commission; Deputy Secretary,
 Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)

- 2:15 p.m. (5) [Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area Update](#)
—Margaret C. Campos, Executive Director, Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area
- 3:00 p.m. (6) [Conservation Funding Needs and Opportunities](#)
—Alexandra Navas, Director, New Mexico Outdoor Recreation Division, Economic Development Department
—Ralph Vigil, Owner, Molino de la Isla Organics
—Demis Foster, Executive Director, Conservation Voters New Mexico
—Garrett VeneKlasen, Northern Conservation Director, New Mexico Wild
—Lesli Allison, Executive Director, Western Landowners Alliance
—Michael Dax, Western Wildway Director, Wildlands Network
—Debbie Hughes, Executive Director, New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts
—Conor Hall, Conservation Finance Director, The Trust for Public Land

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

Friday, August 13

- 9:00 a.m. (7) [Wildlife Management Reform](#)
—Michael Sloane, Director, Department of Game and Fish
—Kevin Bixby, Executive Director, Southwest Environmental Center
—Chris Smith, Southwest Wildlife Advocate, WildEarth Guardians
—Colleen Payne, New Mexico Regional Director, Mule Deer Foundation
—Loren Patterson, President-Elect, New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association
—Kyle Jackson, Hunt Manager, Vermejo Park Ranch
- 11:00 a.m. (8) [Upper Pecos Watershed Water Quality Concerns](#)
—Ralph Vigil, Owner, Molino de la Isla Organics
—Kurt Mora, 2nd Lieutenant Governor, Pueblo of Jemez
—Jerry Schoeppner, Director, Mining and Minerals Division, EMNRD
- 11:45 a.m. **Public Comment**
- 12:15 p.m. **Working Lunch**
- 12:45 p.m. (9) [Kit Carson Expansion and Renewable Energy Development](#)
—Luis Reyes, Jr., Chief Executive Officer, Kit Carson Electric Cooperative
- 1:45 p.m. (10) [State Parks Updates and Initiatives](#)
—Toby Velasquez, Director, State Parks Division, EMNRD
- 3:00 p.m. **Adjourn**