

Revised: October 10, 2019

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

**October 17-18, 2019
Miller Library
Western New Mexico University
1000 W. College Avenue
Silver City**

Thursday, October 17

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Welcome**
—Senator Joseph Cervantes, Chair, Water and Natural Resources
 Committee
—Dr. Isaac Brundage, Vice President, Student Affairs and Enrollment
 Management, Western New Mexico University
—Evangeline Zamora, First Vice President, Grant County Prospectors
- 9:15 a.m. (1) **[History of the Gila River and the Arizona Water Settlements Act](#)**
—D.L. Sanders, Attorney
- 10:30 a.m. (2) **[Gila River Planning Process, Projects and Alternatives; New Mexico
Central Arizona Project Entity \(NM CAP Entity\) Updates](#)**
—Rolf Schmidt-Petersen, Director, Interstate Stream Commission (invited)
—Anthony Gutierrez, Executive Director, NM CAP Entity
—Joe Runyan, Representing Gila Farms Irrigation Association, NM CAP
 Entity
—Howard Hutchinson, Representing San Francisco Soil and Water
 Conservation District, NM CAP Entity
—Pete Domenici, Jr., Attorney, Domenici Law Firm, P.C.
—Harry Browne, Commissioner, District 5, Grant County Board of County
 Commissioners
—Allyson Siwik, Executive Director, Gila Conservation Coalition
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. (3) **[Aquifer Mapping and Managed Aquifer Recharge](#)**
—J. Michael Timmons, Ph.D., Associate Director for Mapping Programs
 and Deputy Director, New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral
 Resources, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (NM
 Tech)

- Daniel Koning, Senior Field Geologist, New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, NM Tech
- Steven T. Finch, Jr., Vice President and Principal Hydrogeologist/Geochemist, John Shomaker and Associates, Inc.
- TBD

3:00 p.m. **Safety Briefing and Depart for Tour of Chino Mine***
*This tour is invitation-only for legislative committee members and staff.

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

Friday, October 18

9:00 a.m. (4) **Forest and Watershed Restoration and Health; Reforestation Best Practices; Addressing Fire Risk; Impacts of the United States Forest Service Owl Protection Order**
—Laura McCarthy, State Forester, Forestry Division, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
—Steve Hernandez, Public Member, Forest and Watershed Restoration Act Advisory Board; Attorney, Carlsbad Irrigation District
—Keven Groenewold, Chief Executive Officer, New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association
—Kent Reid, Ph.D., Director, New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute, New Mexico Highlands University

10:30 a.m. (5) **Department of Game and Fish Issues; Native Fish Restoration; Wildlife Corridors; Resident License Draws; Stream Access Rule**
—Michael B. Sloane, Director, Department of Game and Fish
—Jesse Deubel, Executive Director, New Mexico Wildlife Federation
—John Cornell, Southwest Field Manager, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
—Marco Gonzales, Attorney, New Mexico Habitat Conservation Initiative

12:00 noon **Adjourn**