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TENTATIVE AGENDA
Legislative Finance Committee
Taos, New Mexico
June 24-26, 2025

Monday, June 23

Optional Tour
Clean Hydrogen Project in Questa and Red River Hatchery
2500 Old State Road 3
Questa, NM 87556

- 2:00 -- Clean Hydrogen Project -- John Ortega, Mayor, Questa; Luis Reyes, CEO, Kit Carson Electric; Dr. Pei Xu, Professor, New Mexico State University
- 2:45 -- Depart to Las Vistas De Questa Trail
- 3:30 -- Depart to Red River State Fish Hatchery -- Stewart Liley, Chief, Wildlife Management, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish; Kirk Patter, Chief, Fisheries Management, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

Tuesday, June 24

Meeting Location
UNM-Taos Battan Hall
121 Civic Placa Drive
Taos, NM 87571

- 8:30 -- Welcoming Remarks -- Pascualito Maestas, Mayor; Darlene Vigil, County Chair; Gary J. Lujan, Governor, Taos Pueblo
- 9:30 -- Water Research and Economic Development Using Green Hydrogen -- Pei Xu, Department of Civil Engineering, New Mexico State University; Luis Reyes, Chief Executive Officer; Kit Carson, Electric Cooperative Inc; John Ortega, Mayor, Questa
- 10:45 -- K-12 Status of Yazzie/K12 Report Cards -- Sunny Liu, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee; Rachel Mabe, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee; John Sena, Director, Legislative Education Study Committee; Mariana Padilla, Secretary, Public Education Department
- 12:15 -- Lunch
- 1:15 -- Policy Spotlight: Orphaned Wells -- Stephanie Joyce, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee; Elizabeth Dodson, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee; Ben Shelton, Deputy Secretary, Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department
- 2:30 -- Tax Expenditures -- Brendon Grey, Economist, Legislative Finance Committee; Maggie Klug, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee
- 3:45 -- Quarterly Status Reporting on Major Nonrecurring Appropriations -- Maggie Klug, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee
- Previous Nonrecurring Activities
 - Top 50 Appropriations
 - Economic Development
- 5:00 -- Adjourn

Wednesday, June 25

- 8:30 -- Workforce Training and Certifications Pilot Programs – Tracy Hartzler, President, Central New Mexico Community College; Mary Gutierrez, Chancellor, University of New Mexico-Taos; James Johnston, Chancellor, Eastern New Mexico University
- 10:00 -- Program Evaluation: Health Care Affordability Fund -- Matt Goodlaw, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee; Alex Castillo Smith, Deputy Secretary, Health Care Authority
- 11:00 -- LegisStat: Health Care Authority: Access to Health Care and Behavioral Health -- Kari Armijo, Secretary, Human Services Department
- 12:15 -- Lunch -- Natural Resources Subcommittee Depart for Tour

LFC Child Welfare/Early Childhood Subcommittee

- 1:15 -- LegisStat: Child Welfare – Teresa Casados, Secretary, Children, Youth and Families Department
- 3:00 -- Progress Report: Prekindergarten Quality -- Sarah Rovang, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee, Elizabeth Groginsky, Secretary, Early Childhood Education and Care Department
- 4:15 -- Update on FIT Provider Rates – Elizabeth Groginsky, Secretary, Early Childhood and Care Department
- 5:00 -- Adjourn

LFC Natural Resources Subcommittee

- 1:30 -- Forest Restoration and Watersheds -- Laura McCarthy, State Forester; J.R. Logan, Del Medro Forestry; Jenny Haley, Forest Fit Men
- 3:00 -- Cerro Negro Leñero Block -- J.R. Logan, Del Medro Forestry; Art Montoya
- Cerro Negro Forest Council history, role and transition of project to the Land Grants and Acequias
 - Youth training and firewood harvest
 - Replication of the model in Northern New Mexico
- 3:30 -- Depart to Carson National Forest
- 3:45 -- Pitchfork thinning area on Carson National Forest -- Laura McCarthy, State Forester; J.R. Logan, Del Medro Forestry; Jamie Tedesco, Wood Sharks
- 5:00 -- Adjourn

Thursday, June 26

- 8:30 -- Program Evaluation: Election Costs -- Drew Weaver, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee; Sarah Dinces, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee; Maggie Toulouse Oliver, Secretary of State
- 10:00 -- Federal Funds Update -- Charles Sallee, Director, Legislative Finance Committee

11:00 -- Third Quarter Report Cards -- Helen Gaussoin, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee

12:00 -- Miscellaneous Committee Business

Action Items

- 1) Approval of LFC May Meeting Minutes
- 2) Approval of LFC Contracts
- 3) Approval of LFC Work Plan

Review of Monthly Financial Reports & Information Items

- 4) LFC FY25 Budget Status
- 5) BAR Report
- 6) Full Time Employees by Agency
- 7) Correspondence
- 8) LFC Program Evaluation Status Report
- 9) Cash Balance Report

12:00 -- Adjourn

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