

COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA BRIEFING

Meeting Date: March 20th, 2026

Agenda Number: 12

Presenter: Stewart Liley

Corroborator: N/A

Agenda Title: Appointment of Citizen Advisory Committee Members to the Public Land User (Habitat) Stamp Program

1. Summary of Agenda Item

The Department will present a list of individuals that have applied for appointment by the State Game Commission to the Citizen Advisory Committee of the Public Land User Stamp Program as authorized by 19.34.6 NMAC.

2. Background Information

The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) for the Public Land User Stamp Program is authorized to prioritize projects and provide citizen advice to the agencies.

Four of the Nine currently appointed Citizen Advisors have terms that are expiring on March 31, 2026. 19.34.6 NMAC requires that the CAC is composed of members residing within specific New Mexico counties (Districts) or, that they have other specified background qualifications.

These four vacancies must be filled by one of each of the following:

- A resident of Catron, Socorro, Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Sierra or Dona Ana County (District 2)
- A resident of Santa Fe, Taos, Colfax, Union, Mora, Harding, Quay, San Miguel, Guadalupe or Torrance County (District 4)
- A resident of Bernalillo County (District 5)
- A person with a demonstrated history of involvement in wildlife and habitat protection issues and whose activities or occupation are not in conflict with wildlife and habitat advocacy. (Fish/Wildlife Habitat Protection)

The Department is recommending the appointment of the following individuals to be on the Citizen Advisory Committee, each with five-year terms to begin April 1, 2026, and end on March 31, 2031.

Sharon Luna (District 2)

Benjamin Mortensen (District 4)

Jordan Corliss (District 5)

Larry Cordova (Fish/Wildlife Habitat)

3. Strategic Plan References and Possible Impacts of Agenda Item

The process as presented to the Commission meets the Conservation Services Program Objectives 1 and 8 of the Department's Strategic Plan: FY 2019 – FY 2023

4. Considerations Regarding Duplications and/or Conflicts with Existing Rules or Statutes

None

5. Description and Summary of Public Involvement Process and Results

The Department formally requested applications for appointment to be on the Citizen Advisory Committee on January 26, 2026, and accepted applications through February 15, 2026. A total of 18 applications were received.

6. Suggested Motion

The Department respectfully suggests the following motion, unless Commission discretion indicates a different course of action:

“I move to appoint the individuals recommended by the Department to the Citizen Advisory Committee of the Public Land User Stamp Program, pending the results of a criminal background check, for terms to begin April 1, 2026, and end on March 31, 2031”.