

NEW MEXICO *Petroleum Marketers Association Report*



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2023 New Mexico Petroleum Marketers Convention

August 21-23 at Sandia Resort and Casino

Presenting
Dewayne Hill
Comedian and
Magician From
"America's Got Talent"



Please make plans to attend the New Mexico Petroleum Marketers Convention August 21-23 at the Sandia Resort and Casino.

2023 SCHEDULE -AT-A-GLANCE

MONDAY - AUGUST 21

3 – 5 p.m. **BOARD Meeting**
(Open to All Members)

3 – 6 p.m. **REGISTRATION Open**

3 – 7 p.m. Trade Show set up

5 – 6 p.m. **WELCOME Reception**

Evening Open *Supplier Hospitality*

TUESDAY - AUGUST 22

8 a.m. **GOLF TOURNAMENT**
Shotgun Start at **Sandia Golf Course**
with Continental Breakfast and Lunch to follow at course

8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
..... Trade Show set up

Noon – 7 p.m. **REGISTRATION Open**

3 – 7 p.m. **TRADE SHOW Open**

5– 7 p.m. **RECEPTION**
(On Trade Show floor)

TUESDAY - AUGUST 22 *continued*

6:45 p.m. **Passport RAFFLE**
(On Trade Show floor)

7:15 p.m. The NMPMA **"STEAK OUT"** is **BACK!**
Remarks by WPMA President Jeremy Bautista

Entertainment Speaker Dewayne Hill
Comedian and Magician from America's Got Talent



WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 23

8 a.m. **Breakfast**

9 a.m. **GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION**

— **RYAN LANE**, *Minority Leader NM House of Representatives*



— **ROB BLACK**, *President and CEO NM Chamber of Commerce*



— **CODY SCHUMACHER**,
Account Executive, Federated Insurance



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The Political landscape is heating up in New Mexico and it is still 18 months before the next election. The GOP being in the super minority will apparently be making some major political moves between the House and Senate. The current makeup in the House is 45 democrats and 25 republicans; in the Senate, 27 democrats and 15 republicans. There potentially may be 5 to 7 GOP House members moving to the Senate by either filling empty seats or challenging incumbents. With the latest redistricting a new Senate seat, District 12, was created.



The GOP should pick up this seat in the Rio Rancho and Albuquerque NW area. Two senior GOP individuals have already announced their intention to run for the new seat: former County Commissioner Jay Block and former state Senator Candace Gould. The GOP could very likely flip a couple of Senate seats, making the Senate more balanced with the help of a few conservative democrats.

News Around New Mexico:

- **Health Care:** Health insurance premiums for public employees in New Mexico have operated in a deficit. The state is currently \$120 million in the red. It has kept premiums flat even though medical costs have soared. The state is now asking cities and counties to cover these costs with no consideration regarding their budgets even though the state has mishandled the funds. State Legislators are demanding an explanation from the Governor's office and are asking the State Auditor to get involved. The powerful (LFC) Legislative Finance Committee is also seeking to find answers.
- **Tax Rebate:** All New Mexico taxpayers will be receiving a tax rebate from the state. These rebates are possible because of the \$2.8 billion dollar surplus provided by Oil & Gas revenues. Each taxpayer will receive \$500, or \$1000 for married couples. Rebate checks should start arriving in late June.
- **Clash at Chaco:** Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, a Native American from New Mexico verbally clashed with Native American activists regarding the Interior's ban on drilling within a 10-mile radius of Chaco Canyon Cultural National Historic Park. Haaland's trip to Chaco was canceled when a large group of Navajo land allotment owners blocked the road, upset with the Biden administration's recent decision to enshrine drilling in the area for the next 20 years. Protestors held up signs "go home" "no trespassing" on allottee land. The Navajo Nation's frustration is this ban will stop oil and gas revenues to land allottee owners, severely limiting potential income for Navajo landowners.
- **US Supreme Court Decision on Wetlands:** The US Supreme Court voted to strip federal agencies of authority over millions of acres of wetlands. The ruling impacts New Mexico by significantly expanding the ability of farmers, homebuilders, and other developers to dig up or fill wetlands near rivers. New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham is directing her administration to identify "regulatory gaps" that can be filled at the state level. The Governor along with the Biden administration will continue to find regulatory gaps to work around the Supreme Court's decision.
- **Court Rules Against Navajo Nation in Water Dispute:** The Supreme Court ruled against the Navajo Nation in a dispute involving water from the drought-stricken Colorado river. The Biden administration had said that if the court were to come down in favor of the Navajo Nation, the federal government could face lawsuits from many other tribes.