On Wed, May 21, 2025 at 5:08 PM Manuel Arrieta <[redacted]> wrote:

> Dan, I can't believe so much time has passed by so quickly! We were last trying to get a telephonic meeting done in March. Unfortunately, I had a family member pass in March, I had a jury trial in April, and May has just flown.
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> It was suggested to me that I include a climate scientist for the panel discussion in June in addition to a hydrologist. Currently, we have Dr. Sanna Sevanto and researcher and geo-hydrologist Stacy Timmons from New Mexico Tech. So far, here is how the line up will work: First Dr. Sevanto will lay out the general overview of climate change based on her studies and research, on a global and/or national scale. She will explain the importance of climate change impact on vegetation, topography, etc. Second, Stacy Timmons will follow on the issue of water scarcity and climate change in NM, along with information on water programs, aquifer mapping and the Water Data Initiative, consistent with her powerpoint. Thirdly, I will follow with not only the types of cases that deal with the impacts of climate change, but I will also go into specific cases that have been filed in NM as a result of the impact of climate change.
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> Each presenter will take 15-20 to present with a Q&A session at the end. I would like to introduce you as my cohort to the Judicial Leaders in Climate Science program. In addition, I would like you to ask you to come to the microphone from the floor (this will happen in the latter part of my presentation), introduce you, and ask you to comment generally about the McBride Fire in Ruidoso, now a case in Pyle, et. al v. PNM Resources Inc., et. al, D-202-CV-2022-04363, (2nd Judicial) (Pending) – suit by multiple homeowners who lost homes and property in the McBride Fire (Ruidoso) in April of '22.
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> I believe the Pyle case was consolidated with another case and it is still pending in the 2nd Judicial District. Because it is a pending case, we cannot comment on the pending issues (Code of Jud. Conduct 21-210, "a judge shall not make any public statement that might reasonably be expected to affect the outcome or impair the fairness of the matter pending ..." Please Read!) or its merits. While the Rule applies more to the intent to effect, or prohibit advisory opinions, we still need to be careful.
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> The aim here is to educate, and provide factual information about the process. In this regard, I don't need you to comment on the issues in Pyle (it's a negligence claim against PNM for igniting the fire), but rather simply describe the climate impact on the community that you live in. As an example, address:
> -how living in a mountain district, you have noticed an increase in wildfires among the forested areas...
> -how these fires have become catastrophic (describe the type of destruction that occurred in 2022 with X number of structures burned down, how it affected the residential and business community in Ruidoso, how it's affected the population increase/decrease, the market withdrawal by State Farm insurance, the recent announcement that utility companies will started black outs when high wind and dry conditions prevail and how that will affect the community, etc
> -what have you noticed in terms of filings - increased claims for insurance disputes, flooding and fire?, any disputes over valuations post-fire? etc
> For some of these matters, you might have to ask around but I'm sure you will find some anecdotal information and some first-hand information.
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> Your presentation need only be a few minutes (about 2-3) as we may be compressed for time. You can also include a brief comment on how the Climate Science program has made you more aware of what is going on in your neighborhood.
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> If you can write down a draft of what you would like to present, I would certainly like to review it so that we keep a tight rein on time limits. I expect that there will be a number of questions raised on what you present that perhaps you can address.
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> Let me know if this is something that you can help me out with. To give you some context on what I will present, I am sending you the PowerPoint that I will use. Looking forward to working with you, Mannie.