

New Mexico Statutes Chapter 73. Special Districts

73-2-65. Acequia commission; created; membership; terms.

Current as of May 06, 2021

- A. "There is created the "acequia commission", which is administratively attached to the local government division of the department of finance and administration.
- B. "The acequia commission shall be appointed by the governor and shall consist of eleven members who reside in the irrigated areas of the state containing acequias. "Members shall own land irrigated from an acequia or community ditch organized pursuant to a ditch or acequia statute. "Each member appointed by the governor shall serve a term of four years.
- C. "The initial appointments to the acequia commission shall include the ten persons serving as members of the governor's acequia commission, organized pursuant to executive order 88-06, and one member of the public who has a background in business. "Of the initial appointees, four members shall be appointed by lot for two-year terms, four members shall be appointed by lot for three-year terms and three members shall be appointed by lot for four-year terms.
- D. "The acequia commission shall meet at the call of the chairman not less than quarterly and not more than once a month. "The chairman shall be elected from among the members of the commission.

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73-2-66. Powers and duties.

The acequia commission shall:

- A. provide advice and assist the governor, legislature, office of the state engineer and interstate stream commission and the United States army corps of engineers in establishing acequia and community ditch rehabilitation priorities and other acequia and community ditch matters;
- B. serve as a facilitator for communication between acequia and community ditch associations and state and federal agencies; and
- C. review and comment on any plan or legislation affecting acequias or community ditches to the governor, the legislature, the secretary of agriculture and the interstate stream commission.

73-2-67. Legal counsel.

The office of the attorney general shall represent and be the legal advisor to the acequia commission.