

**NOTICE OF RULEMAKING**

The New Mexico State Land Office (SLO) will hold a public hearing on Friday, May 24, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., and continuing thereafter as necessary, in Morgan Hall, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Any change to the location or time will be posted with a final agenda on the SLO webpage (<http://www.nmstatelands.org>) at least 72 hours prior to the date and time specified above.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments on proposed amendments to the following SLO rules to make all SLO rules gender-neutral, by eliminating use of pronouns “he,” “she,” “his,” “her” or “him” and replacing them with gender-neutral references such as “the Commissioner” or “the applicant”: 19.2.2, 19.2.3, 19.2.4, 19.2.5, 19.2.6, 19.2.7, 19.2.8, 19.2.9, 19.2.10, 19.2.11, 19.2.12, 19.2.13, 19.2.14, 19.2.15, 19.2.16, 19.2.17, 19.2.19, 19.2.21, 19.2.22, 19.2.23, and 19.2.100 NMAC. No other substantive changes are proposed. The Commissioner’s authority to promulgate rules is found in Section 19-1-2, NMSA 1978. The use of “he” in 19.2.8 NMAC, Section 9 will be eliminated and replaced with a gender-neutral reference in the SLO’s counterpart rulemaking proposing amendments to 19.2.8 NMAC, Sections 9 and 11.

The proposed rule changes are available on the SLO website (<http://nmstatelands.org>), the Sunshine Portal (<http://www.sunshineportalnm.com>), at the SLO building located at 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and at SLO district offices (see [nmstatelands.org/District\\_Offices.aspx](http://nmstatelands.org/District_Offices.aspx)). To request a hard copy, contact Alysha Shaw at (505) 827-5761 or [ashaw@slo.state.nm.us](mailto:ashaw@slo.state.nm.us).

Written comments may be submitted by mail to: Alysha Shaw, New Mexico State Land Office, Attention: Gender-Neutral Rulemaking Comments, P.O. Box 1148, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1148, or by email to [ashaw@slo.state.nm.us](mailto:ashaw@slo.state.nm.us). Written and email comments will be accepted until noon on Thursday, May 23, 2019.

If you are an individual with a disability and you require assistance or an auxiliary aid (such as a sign language interpreter) to participate in any aspect of this process, please contact Selena Romero by May 17, 2019 at (505) 827-5790 or [sromero@slo.state.nm.us](mailto:sromero@slo.state.nm.us).