

November 19, 2010 – press release

A court hearing date at last and the judge although based in Tucumcari has elected to hold the hearing in Los Lunas, the point of the original filing of the Board's suit against the members. Mark your calendars Court Filing is here: [SEC/sec-docs-jan-2010-dec-2010/NoticeOfHearingSECvWest.PDF](#) (Notice of Hearing SEC v. West, Members, Mountain Mail and El Defensor Cheiftain )

Hearing date December 14, 2010 District Court in Los Lunas at 3:30pm. before Honorable Albert J. Mitchell, Jr.

The regular monthly meeting will be on Monday, Nov. 22, 2010, 5:30 P.M., 510 Abeyta. The agenda leads off with "2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – DON TRIPP & KEVEN GROENEWOLD (Statewide-you see him in your issue of "Enchantment Magazine." (<http://enchantment.coop/index.php>) Rep. Don Tripp is introducing legislation that would allow for mail-in-voting for electric co-op district meetings. Mail-in-voting is already allowed for Annual and all other meeting of electric coops. The members of the SEC passed a bylaw April 17, 2010 to allow such vote-in-mail. The NMRECA (the statewide association - <http://www.nmelectric.coop/index.php>) opposes voting by mail which means that we must mount a campaign to influence the full legislature to change the state law that now prohibits vote-by-mail in the four coops that hold district meetings. This is very important and I am glad that it is first on the agenda which also includes presentations by the SEC's health insurance carrier, Federated Insurance. which handles errors and omissions, etc. coverage, and the CFC which handles some of SEC's loans.

Following the Manager's Report, there will be committee reports. Re-Districting and Search Committee Reports are of special interest as both deal with issues that will affect the future of the SEC and these committees could have an agenda not in the best interests of the membership. Governance by committee has been a weakness in the operation of the SEC and the Board of Trustees in the past and information should be made available to the members not hidden within unannounced, unobserved committee meetings.