

NM Food & Agriculture Policy Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 19th, 2021
1:00 – 4:00pm
Agenda

1:00 – 1:15pm

- **Welcome and Intros**
- **Landing in our Values**

1:15 – 2:00pm

Water! As water is our precious resource, we'll hear from partner organizations and the Interstate Stream Commission – where we are, what to be focused on, and how to get involved – round table discussion

- **New Mexico Acequia Association**, Paula Garcia, Executive Director
- **Interstate Stream Commission**, Hannah Riseley-White, Deputy Director (*invited*) See [Interstate Stream Commission - 50 Year Plan Overview](#)
- **NM Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts**, Debbie Hughes, Executive Director
- **And other working in the world of water**
- Q & A and round table conversation

2:00 – 2:10pm

Food, Hunger, and Farm Initiative (*FHF Initiative*)

- Kendal Chavez, NM Office of the Governor and Committee Participants (*10 minutes presentation plus Q&A*)

2:10 – 2:30pm

Addressing Food Insecurity and Poverty: State Challenges in Spending COVID Funding
Chicano por la Causa NM, Roger Gonzales, President

2:30 – 3:00pm

2022 Legislative Priorities Presentations

- **New Mexico Climate and Conservation Fund**
 - Lawrence Gallegos, Bill Midcap, Debbie Hughes, Brent van Dyke
 - See [Briefing Sheet](#) (*20 minutes including Q&A*)
- **Food, Hunger, and Farm Initiative** – preliminary support per members participation to date (updates and official request will be submitted in November)
- **Others**
- **What's our strategy moving into the fall?**

3:00 – 3:10pm

Racial Equity Training and Strategic Plan

- Committee Highlights

- Racial Equity Training
- Next steps and timing

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3:10– 3:20pm

Annual Membership Drive is now! Please renew your membership and encourage others to participate with us!!!

- Decision making as a coalition is powerful and provides clarity to policymakers
- Members have a vote in decision making though we value working by consensus
- Members receive regular updates, action alerts, group messaging, and communications tools

Communications/Engagement Committee Highlights

- **20th Anniversary Celebration ideas**
- **Planning for 2022 New Mexico Legislative Session**
 - **Food & Farms Day**
 - Planning for In-Person at the Capitol and Virtually
 - **Awards** – nominations are closed – review committee meets November 5th, 1 – 4pm. *If you are interested in helping let us know!!*
 - Civic Engagement Trainings (*tentatively second week in January*)
 - Q & A – please share ideas and interest in participating on committee!

3:20 – 3:50pm

Federal Committee

- Building on How to Engage in Federal Policy Work

- USDA Rural Development and Farm Service Agency NM State Directors Announced and Congratulations
- Administrative Updates: RCPP, Resource Conservation Preservation Program
- Updates on federal legislation, reconciliation, and steps forward October 6th: Pandemic Response and Safety Program Grant that producers can apply for. Specialty crop and processors, farmers’ markets, and distributors can provide assistance for workers and businesses. Applications close November 6th, 9:59pm (MST)
- Senator Lujan & Congresswoman Leger Fernandez are re-introducing the land grants, Mercedes, and traditional uses to work with federal agencies in federal land grant management. S.2708 and H.R.5493
- Planning for the 2023 Farm Bill - *Round Table to be hosted late February 2022*
 - Committee work in November and December to compile priorities, approaches to the farm bill, Q & A.

3:50 – 4:00pm

Next Steps & Announcements

- Other Announcements

- Next Meeting
- Upcoming Committee Meetings

Other materials

- [NM Food & Ag Policy Council 2021-2022 Legislative Process and Calendar](#)