

Revised: July 15, 2021

**TENTATIVE AGENDA  
for the  
SECOND MEETING  
of the  
RURAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES TASK FORCE**

**July 19-20, 2021  
Mora High School  
Mora**

**Monday, July 19**

- 8:30 a.m.           **Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions**  
—Representative Candie G. Sweetser, Co-Chair, Rural Economic Opportunities Task Force (REOTF)  
—Senator Siah Correa Hemphill, Co-Chair, REOTF
- 9:15 a.m.           (1) **Improving Infrastructure in Rural Areas: Water, Wastewater, Electricity and Roads**  
—Monica Abeita, Executive Director, North Central New Mexico Economic Development District  
—Sandy Chancey, Executive Director, Eastern Plains Council of Governments
- 10:45 a.m.          (2) **Affordable Housing in Rural Areas**  
—Jeff Payne, Chief Lending Officer, New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA)  
—Rebecca Velarde, Senior Director of Policy and Planning, MFA  
—George Maestas, Director of Housing Development, MFA  
—John Garcia, Assistant Director of Community Development, MFA
- 12:15 p.m.          **Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m.           (3) **Acequia Infrastructure Needs**  
—Paula Garcia, Executive Director, New Mexico Acequia Association  
—Ralph Vigil, Chair, Acequia Commission  
—Jonathan Martinez, Acequia Program Manager, Interstate Stream Commission
- 2:45 p.m.           (4) **Improving Public Safety in Rural Areas**  
—Tim Q. Johnson, Interim Secretary, Department of Public Safety  
—Robert Thornton, Acting Chief, New Mexico State Police

4:15 p.m. (5) **Rural Infrastructure Study Update**  
—Terry Brunner, Chief Executive Officer, Pivotal New Mexico  
—Jenny Jackson, Program Manager, Pivotal New Mexico

4:45 p.m. **Public Comment**

5:15 p.m. **Recess**

**Tuesday, July 20**

8:30 a.m. **Reconvene, Welcome and Introductions**  
—Representative Candie G. Sweetser, Co-Chair, REOTF  
—Senator Siah Correa Hemphill, Co-Chair, REOTF

8:45 a.m. (6) **Rural Food Insecurity and Census Data**  
—Carol Miller, M.P.H., Director, National Center for Frontier  
Communities; Administrative Director, Silver City; Treasurer, Ojo  
Sarco Community Center

10:00 a.m. (7) **Capital Outlay Structure Obstacles for Rural Areas**  
—Steve Olson, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee  
—Colonel Donnie Quintana, Director, Local Government Division,  
Department of Finance and Administration

11:15 a.m. **Public Comment**

11:45 a.m. **Adjourn**