

Revised: November 4, 2021

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

**November 8, 2021  
State Capitol, House Chambers  
Santa Fe**

**Monday, November 8**

- 10:00 a.m.           **Call to Order, Introductions and Welcome**  
—Representative Candie G. Sweetser, Co-Chair, Rural Economic  
Opportunities Task Force (REOTF)  
—Senator Siah Correa Hemphill, Co-Chair, REOTF
- 10:15 a.m.       (1)   **[Update on the Rural Infrastructure Study](#)**  
—Terry Brunner, Chief Executive Officer, Pivotal New Mexico  
—Jenny Jackson, Program Manager, Pivotal New Mexico
- 11:15 a.m.       (2)   **[Co.Starters Entrepreneurial Program for New and Rebuilding  
Businesses](#)**  
—Priscilla Lucero, Executive Director, Southwest New Mexico Council of  
Governments (SWNMCOG)  
—Emily Gojkovich, Economic Development Planner, SWNMCOG
- 12:15 p.m.           **Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m.       (3)   **[Food, Farm and Hunger Five-Year Plan](#)**  
—Kendal Chavez, Food and Hunger Coordinator, Office of the Governor  
—Audrey Cooper, Project Manager, Food Security and Primary Care,  
Human Services Department  
—Patricia Trujillo, Ph.D., Deputy Secretary, Higher Education Department  
—Helga Garza, Executive Director, Agri-Cultura Network  
—Caren Cowen, Publisher, *New Mexico Stockman*  
—Ben Rasmussen, Program Manager, National Center for Frontier  
Communities
- 2:15 p.m.           **Public Comment\***
- 2:45 p.m.           **Endorsement of Legislation**

3:45 p.m.

**Adjourn**

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