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## RURAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES TASK FORCE

### ABOUT US

The South Central Council of Governments is one of 7 planning and development districts serving Socorro, Sierra, and Doña Ana Counties. Our membership is comprised of the local governments and special districts within this geographical region of 14,700 square miles.

Services provided to our communities include Infrastructure Planning, Community Development, Transportation Planning, Economic Development, Workforce Development, Grant Writing, Grant Administration, Fiscal Agent Services, Legislative Assistance, and other special projects.

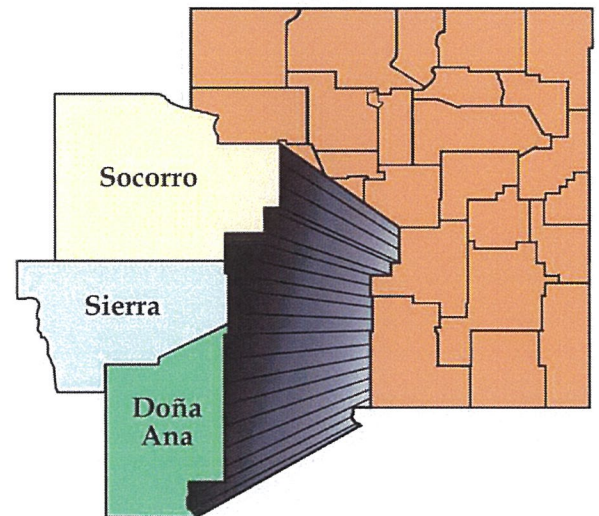




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## MEMBERS

- Doña Ana County
- City of Las Cruces
- City of Sunland Park
- City of Anthony
- City of Socorro
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- City of Truth or Consequences
- Sierra County
- Town of Mesilla

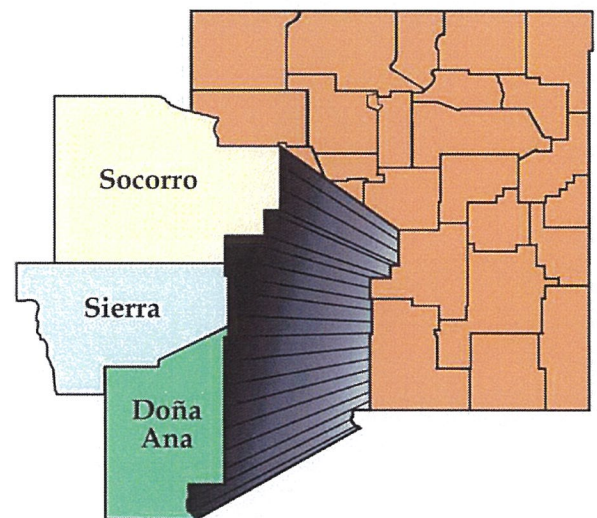




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## MEMBERS

- Village of Hatch
- Village of Magdalena
- Village of Williamsburg
- City of Elephant Butte
- Lower Rio Grande PWWA
- San Antonio MDWCA
- Polvadera MDWCA
- Doña Ana MDWCA
- Anthony Water & Sanitation District





A map of New Mexico and surrounding regions, including parts of Arizona, Texas, and Colorado. The map shows major cities, roads, and geographical features like the Colorado Plateau and the Guadalupe Mountains. A semi-transparent box with the text "Our Staff" is overlaid on the left side of the map.

# Our Staff

## SCCOG STAFF

Jay Armijo - Executive Director

Skylar Arnold - Fiscal Administrator

Diana Luchini - Fiscal Clerk

Tiffany Goolsby - Senior Planner

Angela Rael - Regional Transportation Planner

Joe McClintock - CARES Recovery Coordinator

VACANT - WIOA Program Administrator

Jaymi Simms - WIOA Program Manager

Krisye Shook - WIOA Program Specialist

Angela Longovia - WIOA Communications Manager



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## BARRIERS

- Limitation on availability and amount of Planning Funds
- Small local governments – staffing limitations
- Matching fund requirements
- Owning, operating, and maintaining a project
- Internet speed and bandwidth
- Cost-benefit ratio
- Audits





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## POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS

- Improve the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) system to a more modern, user friendly application
- Provide more funding for development of comprehensive plans, asset management plans, economic development plans, preliminary engineering reports, water conservation plans, etc.
- Improve the current capital outlay program by adopting rules and procedures to provide order and efficiency to the process
- Fund COGs to hire additional staff to provide a more in depth service of developing projects from the planning phase to grant writing, grant administration, and project completion





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