

Revised: July 26, 2022

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

**July 28-29, 2022
Fort Sumner Historic Site, Bosque Redondo Memorial
3647 Billy the Kid Drive
Fort Sumner**

Thursday, July 28

- 10:00 a.m. **Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions**
—Senator Siah Correa Hemphill, Co-Chair, Rural Economic Opportunities Task Force (REOTF)
—Representative Candie G. Sweetser, Co-Chair, REOTF
- 10:15 a.m. (1) **Welcome to Fort Sumner**
—Louie Gallegos, Mayor, Fort Sumner
- 10:45 a.m. (2) **Welcome and Bosque Redondo Memorial and Fort Sumner Historic Site Status**
—Michelle Gallagher Roberts, Deputy Secretary, Cultural Affairs Department (CAD)
—Patrick Moore, Executive Director, New Mexico Historic Sites, CAD
- 11:15 a.m. (3) **Proactive Planning for Agricultural Communities: Outlining the Market Investment Analysis Required for Successful Value-Added Business Recruitment**
—Jay Lillywhite, Department Head and Professor, Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business Department, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, New Mexico State University
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. (4) **Development of Tourism Opportunities in Rural New Mexico**
—Antoinette Vigil, Deputy Secretary, Tourism Department
- 2:30 p.m. (5) **Outdoor Recreation as a Selling Point for Rural Tourism**
—Carl Colonius, Outdoor Planner, New Mexico Outdoor Recreation Division, Economic Development Department

3:15 p.m. (6) [Status Update: Planning and Project Management Staff for Councils of Governments](#)

—Sandy Chancey, Executive Director, Eastern Plains Council of Governments

—Dora Batista, Executive Director, Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District Council of Governments

4:00 p.m. (7) [Federal Infrastructure Funding Rollout for Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations; Regional Transit and School Buses and Other Grant Opportunities](#)

—Mark Hayden, State Purchasing Agent, General Services Department

4:30 p.m. **Public Comment**

5:00 p.m. **Recess**

Friday, July 29

9:00 a.m. (8) [State Fire Response, Recovery Plans and Burn Scar Flood Prevention](#)

—Kelly Hamilton, Deputy Secretary, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department

—Laura McCarthy, Director and State Forester, Forestry Division, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

10:30 a.m. (9) [Federal Fire Response, Recovery Plans and Burn Scar Flood Prevention in New Mexico](#)

—Wendy Jo Haskins, Director, Ecosystem Planning and Biophysical Resources, Southwestern Region, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service

—Rigoberto Lopez, Acting State Director, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA

—Jonas Moya, State Executive Director, Farm Services Agency, USDA

—Patricia Dominguez, State Director, Rural Development, USDA

12:00 noon **Public Comment**

12:30 p.m. **Adjourn**