

Report to New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Districts

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March 2023

April	Pass annual mill levy rate resolution and submit to the SWCC for approval.
April 7 th	2023 Water Quality & Conservation Grant proposals due
April 30	WQ&C grant 3rd quarterly report and budget due to SWCC and NMDA Specialist
April 30	3rd quarterly budget report due to DFA-LGD (cc: SWCC, SWCC Region Commissioner, and NMDA Specialist)
May 15th or July 1st	Independent Public Accountant (IPA) Recommendation Form and the Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) contract must be signed and submitted to the State Auditor. This applies to Tiers 3-7.
June	Finalize annual work plan for coming fiscal year and submit to the SWCC.
June 1	Budget and budget resolution for the coming fiscal year due to DFA-LGD by June 1st, (cc: SWCC and SWCC Region Commissioner). Option: submit preliminary budget by June 1st; final budget with budget resolution by July 31st.
July 15	Point System Worksheet due to SWCC and NMDA Specialist

OMA Notification Requirements

Remember that if you have to hold a district board meeting at a date, time or location that deviates from the information you advertised in your Open Meetings Act resolution, you must advertise it accordingly. Here are the guidelines:

Regular Meeting – 10 Days Prior

Special Meeting – 3 Days Prior

Emergency Meeting – 24 Hours Prior

1. 2023 SWCD Supervisor Elections

NMDA strongly encourages all SWCDs to schedule meetings with all county clerks whose counties are within SWCD district boundaries, not just the counties where the majority of the district land lies. Each county clerk may run elections differently, therefore you are responsible for contacting them soon to see what they need from your district and when it's needed. County clerks are solely responsible for determining due dates and how to comply with the new Local Election Act.

The sooner you make contact with each county clerk within your district boundaries, the sooner you will be on the right track to the 2023 elections. Neither NMDA nor the SWCC has any input if a deadline is not met or a document is not correctly completed or submitted.

Each SWCD is solely responsible for their 2023 election, in accordance with the Local Election Act.

2. 2023 Water Quality & Conservation Grant

The New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Commission (SWCC) annually receive a legislative appropriation from the State of New Mexico to be used for special projects relating to water quality and conservation. These funds are awarded by the SWCC through the Water Quality and Conservation (WQ&C) Grant Program. The goal of the grant program is to promote the health of New Mexico's watersheds and conserve the water resources they produce. A limited number of projects addressing one or more of the following areas will be funded over the next fiscal year:

1. Watershed Improvement/Management
2. Irrigation Efficiency
3. Riparian Restoration
4. Natural Resource Information and Education
5. Ground Water Protection/Conservation
6. Noxious Weeds

The RFP for the WQ&C grant was sent out to all SWCDs the beginning of February. All proposals are due **Thursday, April 7th by 5:00 pm**. The proposal needs to be in **Microsoft Word formatted** version and emailed to: swcc@nmda.nmsu.edu. Faxed copies will not be accepted.

3. Healthy Soil Program grant application period now open for Individual Applicants; Eligible Entity application period opens in April

NMDA launched the application period for Individual Applicants on February 17. Individual Applicants include individuals, businesses, and nonprofits engaged in farming, ranching, or another form of land management. **They have until April 21 to complete conservation planning with NRCS, develop their application online (including a timeline of their project activities, as well as their project budget), then seek project sponsorship from an SWCD like yours.** (Members of tribal communities can seek project sponsorship from either an SWCD or from the pueblo, tribe, or nation of which they are a member.) Individual Applicants must use NMDA's letter of support template to secure project sponsorship. This template, along with other application documents required for Individual Applicants, is available on <https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/hsp/requirements-for-individual-applicants.html>.

Because Eligible Entities (including SWCDs) can apply directly to NMDA without project sponsor sponsorship and without conservation planning, their application period will open April 11 and close May 17. In addition to districts, Eligible Entities include

pueblos, tribes, and nations; acequias; land grants; NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service; and other "local governmental [entities] with proven land management capacity to support healthy soil", as Eligible Entities are defined in the statute that created NMDA's Healthy Soil Program. **NMDA will host a webinar April 18 (register here) to show Eligible Entities how to apply.**

NMDA recommends that SWCDs and other Eligible Entities intending to apply for a grant **check SAM.gov to ensure that the Eligible Entity has a current Unique Entity ID** (which began to replace DUNS numbers in April 2022). The process of registering with SAM.gov is free but can be time-consuming. Having a current Unique Entity ID will allow the Eligible Entity to apply for a sizable FY24 Healthy Soil Program grant. FY24 funding caps for Eligible Entities will be determined pending the 2023 legislative session.

[See NMDA's Healthy Soil Program website for short videos featuring 2 grant-funded projects: one implemented by an Eligible Entity \(our thanks to Ciudad SWCD\) and one implemented by an Individual Applicant \(our thanks to Toby & Kimberly Bostwick\). While there, subscribe to NMDA's Healthy Soil Program e-newsletter for program updates, grant-application tips, reminders of important deadlines, and more.](#)

4. Application deadline extended to March 15: NMDA is hiring a Natural Resource Policy/Planning Analyst for NW NM

NMDA is looking to fill Jim Wanstall's position as a Natural Resource Policy/Planning Analyst.

This is a full-time position with NMDA, and requires a minimum of a bachelor's degree in a related field.

Duties of the position will pertain to: participating in public policy and planning analysis associated with agriculture in subject areas related to natural resources including water, rangeland, geographic information systems, wildlife management, noxious weeds, renewable energy resources, and soil and water conservation. This Natural Resource Policy/Planning Analyst Position will work with multiple soil and water conservation districts in the assigned region of Northern and Northwestern, NM. The position functions as a conduit between soil and water conservation districts, state, federal, and local governmental entities, private landowners, and the public.

The position will cover a broad area of the north/northwest part of New Mexico. Ideal candidate's location would be the north/northwest part of the state.

The position closes on March 15, 2023.

For more information and to view the entire job description, visit:

<https://jobs.nmsu.edu/postings/49162>

5. Applications for Congressionally Directed Spending for FY24

The Office of Senator Luján is calling for applications for **Congressionally Directed Spending for Fiscal Year 2024**. Congressionally Directed Spending supports community priorities for federal funding and is a critical tool for local governments and non-profit organizations in New Mexico to voice their priorities to the federal government. General guidance from the Senate Appropriations Committee is now available [HERE!](#)

[Click Here to Submit Preliminary Interest](#)

Deadlines: The deadline for the Preliminary Interest Form is Tuesday, **February 28, 2023**. We encourage interested applicants to complete the preliminary interest form as soon as possible if you have not already filled one out.

The final deadline for the forthcoming full Congressionally Directed Spending Request Form will be March 16, 2023, two weeks before submissions are due to the Committee. We will circulate the final form following the Preliminary Interest Form deadline. **Senator Luján will not consider any requests received after 11:59 PM Mountain Time on Thursday, March 16, 2023.**

Eligibility: Only non-profit entities, public institutions, and state, local, and Tribal government entities are eligible to make requests for Congressionally Directed Spending. Projects cannot be designated for private individuals or for-profit entities.

[Committee Guidance is Now Available!](#)

Guidance: Our office encourages all applicants to submit their request to each member of the New Mexico Congressional Delegation including both Senators and your House Representative. Each office has different funding priorities, and House requests will have different eligibility requirements.

If you would like more information on the Congressionally Directed Spending process and eligibility, please visit the website for the Senate Appropriations Committee. General guidance for Senators on making fiscal year 2024 appropriations requests to the Committee, including deadlines for submitting requests to the various subcommittees, is available [HERE](#). **Please note the dates in the linked document are for submissions from Senators to the Committee. The Senator's office will require applicants to adhere to the March 16th deadline to enable time to review projects.*

Additionally, [HERE](#) is a list of projects that were funded by the New Mexico delegation last year. The committee has updated eligibility requirements from the previous year.

[Preliminary Interest Form](#)

Final Requests: Once you fill out this form, the Office of Senator Luján will reach out with the Full Request Form required to request Congressionally Directed Spending funding. Senator Luján will not consider any requests received after March 16, 2023. We will continuously update this page as we receive further information. If you would like to discuss a project with a member of Senator Luján’s staff, or if you need a briefing on how to navigate the Congressionally Directed Spending process, please reach out at Appropriations@Lujan.Senate.Gov.

DISCLAIMER: Note that any Congressionally Directed Spending requests are for informational purposes only and are not an application for federal funding. Submission of such requests does not constitute a binding commitment on any party nor a guarantee that any organization will be awarded funding from any federal agency through this process. Furthermore, the submission, review, and approval of applications for federal funding will be carried out consistent with federal agency rules and regulations.

6. Western Pecan Growers Association 2023 Conference

The Western Pecan Growers Association will hold its 57th Annual Conference & Trade Show, March 5th-7th, at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

For more information, or to register, please visit: <https://westernpecan.org/> .

7. Upcoming Preparedness for Animals in Disaster Training March 14 & 15

If interested, must register by March 3rd. Please note that these courses have prerequisites, but for those interested that haven’t met the prerequisites, it might be worth asking the point of contact, if that can be waived. An account must be set up with FEMA for an ID number.

AWR 328: All Hazards Preparedness for Animals in Disaster March 14, 2023

The course will introduce participants to the unique issues that must be considered and addressed when animals are involved in an emergency such as safe animal handling, animal evacuation, animal sheltering, humane euthanasia and carcass disposal, inclusion of animal management into existing ICS structures, federal support available during recovery, and unique considerations for conducting jurisdictional assessments and mapping evacuation routes. <https://ruraltraining.org/course/AWR-328/?scheduled=true&id=3430>

MGT 448: All Hazards Planning for Animal, Agricultural, and Food Related Disasters March 15, 2023

The course will address topics such as agroterrorism, detection and diagnosis, unique challenges that rural communities face in planning for and responding to food and/or animal-related disasters, utilization of ESF, recovery and the importance of sustainable operations during a disaster event, and mapping a community to identify areas of vulnerability and resources. <https://ruraltraining.org/course/MGT-448/?scheduled=true&id=3431>

Please refer to the attachments for more information. If you have questions, please contact:

Cell: (505) 699-0018

Felecia.Schreier@dhsem.nm.gov

<https://www.preparingnewmexico.org/>

8. BLM News Release: BLM Issues Final Environmental Impact Statement, Resource Management Plan Amendment for SunZia Southwest Transmission Project

The Bureau of Land Management released the final environmental impact statement and resource management plan amendment for the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project. If approved, this project will allow for the transport of up to 4,500 megawatts of electricity from central New Mexico to markets in Arizona and California.

The BLM manages vast stretches of public lands that have the potential to make significant contributions to the nation's renewable energy portfolio. To work towards the Biden-Harris administration's clean energy goals, the BLM provides sites for environmentally sound development of renewable energy on public lands and new transmission routes to connect into the grid. The BLM worked with cooperating agencies in preparing the final environmental impact statement.

The issuance of the final environmental impact statement kicks off a 30-day protest period and a 60-day governor's consistency review.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined electronically via the ePlanning site: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2011785/510>, and at the following locations:

BLM New Mexico State Office 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87508	BLM Arizona State Office One North Central Ave., Ste. 800, Phoenix, AZ 85004
BLM Las Cruces District Office 1800 Marquess Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005	BLM Socorro Field Office 901 South Highway 85, Socorro, NM 87801-4168
BLM Safford Field Office 711 14th Ave., Safford, AZ 85546	BLM Tucson Field Office 3201 E. Universal Way, Tucson, AZ 85756
Cibola National Forest Supervisor's Office 2113 Osuna Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113	Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge 40 Refuge Road San, Acacia, NM 87831

For more information, contact Adrian Garcia or David Alderman at the BLM New Mexico State Office located at 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508 or call (505) 954-2199/2094.

9. Northern and Southern NM Wetlands Roundtables

It's planning time for the 2023 Spring Wetlands Roundtables! The Northern Wetlands Roundtable will be conducted on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 from 9 am to 4 pm, and the Southern Wetlands Roundtable will be conducted on Wednesday April 19, 2023 from 9 am to 4 pm. Both meetings will be via WEBEX.

Agendas are not available yet, but if you're interested and not yet on their email distribution list, email Maryann McGraw. maryann.mcgraw@env.nm.gov

10. March 30 in Santa Fe: New Mexico WSARE hosts 2023 Sustainable Agriculture Summit for ag professionals

New Mexico Western Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (WSARE) invites agricultural professionals from across the state to attend this year's Sustainable Agriculture Summit. The event happens March 30 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Santa Fe County Extension Office. Participants will discuss challenges to sustainable agriculture in New Mexico; learn about WSARE, as well as New Mexico projects supported by WSARE; and plan for future projects in priority areas. Lunch will be provided. **See the attached flyer**, which notes that registration is required to attend: <http://rsvp.nmsu.edu/rsvp/sustainable2023>.

11. Apply by March 31: Agricultural Workforce Development Program still welcoming applications from agribusinesses seeking to hire interns

The New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) Agricultural Workforce Development (AWD) Program grant application period opened June 10 and will continue until funds are fully allocated or by March 31, 2023, whichever comes first. Internships can begin July 1, 2022 and must be completed by May 31, 2023.

NMDA's AWD Program offers incentives to the state's agricultural businesses to hire interns. The AWD Program is intended to provide hands-on educational opportunities for students aspiring to careers in agriculture, as well as young or beginning farmers and ranchers. The AWD Program is the result of the [Agricultural Workforce Development Program Act](#), which was signed into law in 2019.

NMDA will reimburse qualified agricultural businesses up to 50 percent of the actual cost of hiring a qualified intern, not to exceed \$15,000 per internship. An agricultural business may request funding to hire as many as three interns per calendar year. Each intern must be provided with **at least one hundred thirty (130) hours** of work experience, not exceeding one (1) year in duration per intern.

1. The period for agricultural businesses to apply is from June 10, 2022 to March 31, 2023 **or until funds are fully allocated**. NMDA will award funding to agricultural businesses based on: **a)** their compliance with program requirements; and **b)** funding availability.
2. Internships must occur between July 1, 2022 and May 31, 2023.

Please note:

- NMDA will **not** match agricultural businesses with potential interns.
- Agricultural businesses must identify an intern prior to applying for funding.
- Interns must be 18 years or older by the start of the internship.
- Immediate family members of the agricultural business are NOT eligible to participate.
- Participating agricultural businesses must pay minimum wage (or higher) to each intern, as well as carry workers' compensation insurance for each intern.

For more information, please visit:

<https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/agricultural-workforce-development.html>.

12. \$80 million in WaterSMART grant funding now available from Reclamation for water conservation and watershed health

Reclamation announced a new WaterSMART Notice of Funding Opportunity for Environmental Water Resources Projects for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. The full announcement can be found at: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=345535> and applications will be accepted until March 28, 2023.

The updated funding opportunity calendar can be found at: https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/docs/WaterSMART_Schedule.pdf.

13. Lesser Prairie-Chicken Listing Delay Announcement

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), is delaying the effective date of a final rule published on November 25, 2022, and corrected on December 2, 2022, listing two distinct population segments (DPSs) of the lesser prairie-chicken (*Tympanuchus pallidicinctus*) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. The delay is to allow the USFWS to finalize conservation tools and guidance documents to avoid confusion among landowners, federal partners, and industry.

One conservation tool available to New Mexico landowners is the Candidate Conservation Agreement/Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCA/CCAA). Enrolled landowners will be required to follow prescribed conservation measures, but once the final rule is in effect, there will be no additional requirements or restrictions on landowner activities. The Agreement is voluntary and at no cost to landowners. There are no penalties for opting out of the Agreement once enrolled.

The CCA/CCAA is administered by CEHMM, a non-profit organization located in Carlsbad, NM. For more information about the CCA/CCAA contact CEHMM directly by calling the Carlsbad office at (575) 885-3700, or emailing Mr. Matt Mathis, CEHMM, at matt.mathis@cehmm.org. **The deadline to enroll in these Agreements is March 26, 2023.**

The effective date of the final rule that published on November 25, 2022, at [87 FR 72674](#), and corrected on December 2, 2022, at [87 FR 73971](#), is delayed from January 24, 2023, to March 27, 2023.

For more information, please visit:

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/01/24/2023-01290/endangered-and-threatened-wildlife-and-plants-lesser-prairie-chicken-threatened-status-with-section?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=subscription+mailing+list&utm_source=federalregister.gov

14. Request by March 31: NMDA Livestock Scale Inspection

The New Mexico Department of Agriculture Standards and Consumer Services Division (SCS) ensures the accuracy of your livestock scale(s) each year. In order to improve our efficiency, we are asking our livestock scale owners to become part of the routine livestock scale inspection program. It will be mandatory for all livestock scale owners to maintain current contact information with our office. This includes names, phone numbers, cell phone numbers, mailing addresses and most importantly, email addresses, as this will serve as the main point of communication for future updates, new information, and inspector correspondence.

The Consumer Services program is responsible for the annual inspection and testing of commercial Livestock Scales used in the state of New Mexico. The Livestock Scale Inspection program is by **request basis only. Livestock Scale Inspection Requests are accepted annually during the months of January through March** and are inspected between April 1 and December 31 of the current year. **Fees will be assessed to scale inspection requests received after the deadline date.**

In order to improve our efficiency, the New Mexico Department of Agriculture Standards and Consumer Services Division (SCS) has launched a **Routine Livestock Scale Inspection Program**. The program will apply to livestock scale owners who consistently request SCS's annual livestock inspection service. For more information on our program and its requirements, visit: <https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/inspections/livestock-scale-inspection.html>

The online livestock scale request form can be found at:
<https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/media/pdf/livestock-scale-form.pdf>

Forms are due by March 31st.

15. USDA NRCS NM Announces Funding Opportunity, New Mexico Conservation Technical Assistance for Outreach and Education

The Natural Resources Conservation Service -New Mexico (NRCS-NM), Notice of Funding Opportunity (NFO), Opportunity Number [USDA-NRCS-NM-CTA-23-NOFO0001244](#), has been posted to Grants.gov and is open for applications through April 22, 2023.

NRCS NM is seeking to partner with and support the efforts of natural resource conservation partners to promote public awareness and implementation of conservation activities by conducting conservation outreach workshops and training that will educate New Mexico's agricultural community, private landowners, conservation organizations, cooperating agencies, acequias, and land grants.

The opportunity can be found on Grants.gov through the basic search criteria by using the opportunity number, or by searching the CFDA of 10.902. It can also be found by filtering for All Department of Agriculture.

- **[Full Announcement \(PDF\)](#)**

Applicants must submit their applications via Grants.gov by 11:59 pm Eastern Time, April 22, 2023. For technical issues with Grants.gov, please contact Grants.gov Applicant Support at 1-800-518-4726 or support@grants.gov.

16. USDA Develops Simplified Direct Loan Application to Improve Customer Service

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has developed a simplified direct loan application to provide improved customer experience for producers applying for loans from the Farm Service Agency (FSA). The simplified direct loan application enables producers to complete a more streamlined application, reduced from 29 to 13 pages.

17. Federal Funding Opportunities for Local Governments

The NMDFA-Local Government Division has made available federal funding opportunities open to all local governments.

If you have any questions on any of the grant opportunities, please reach out to DFA Federal Grants Bureau. Contact information can be found at: <https://www.nmdfa.state.nm.us/budget-division/federal-grants-bureau/>.

Additional information regarding the Federal Grants Bureau can be found on the website to include Federal Grants Bureau Contact information, Bureau Announcements, FGMS Training Resources and FGMS Training Video.

18. Rolling Out Revenue Based Disaster and Pandemic Assistance Programs

Agricultural producers can begin to apply for two new important programs for revenue losses, from 2020 and 2021 natural disasters or the COVID-19 pandemic. Both programs equitably fill gaps in earlier assistance.

The Emergency Relief Program (ERP) Phase Two if you experienced revenue losses from eligible natural disasters in 2020 and 2021. ERP Phase Two is for producers who didn't receive assistance from ERP Phase One.

You may be eligible for the Pandemic Assistance Revenue Program (PARP) if you experienced revenue losses in calendar year 2020. PARP is addressing gaps in previous pandemic assistance, which was targeted at price loss or lack of market access, rather than overall revenue losses.

Applications for both are due June 2, 2023, and you can apply for both during your same appointment with USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

For more information on either program, please visit: https://www.farmers.gov/blog/rolling-out-revenue-based-disaster-and-pandemic-assistance-programs?utm_campaign=disasters&utm_content=erpparp&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

19. NM Fire Information: Stay Informed about Fires & Post-Fire Recovery Efforts

New Mexico Fire Information (<https://nmfireinfo.com/information/>) is an interagency effort by federal and state agencies in New Mexico to provide timely, accurate, fire and restriction information for the entire state. The agencies that support the site are the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, State of New Mexico, and U.S. Forest Service. The site is updated as often as new information is available from the Southwest Coordination Center, individual forests, national parks, state lands, tribal lands and BLM offices. The aim is to provide one website where the best available information and links related to wildfire and restrictions can be accessed.

20. Records Management and Recording of Meetings during the Pandemic

Records Management Division provided some recommendations and guidance as to how long a recording of a district meeting needs to be held on file. The response by the Records Management Division was given:

Our recommendation for the recordings of the meetings, once the audio has been transcribed, the recording becomes non-records and can be destroyed at any time. The transcribed document shall become the official record and retained permanently.

For more information, or if you have questions, please contact Records Management Division at (505) 476-7921, or email Tanya Vigil at Tanya.Vigil@state.nm.us.

21. Rolling Quorums

NMDA would like to remind all SWCD and Watershed District boards to be careful when emailing and hosting conference calls during this time of limited interaction. A rolling quorum needs to be avoided. The definition and examples are stated below, directly from the Attorney General's Open Meetings Act Compliance Guide.

Rolling Quorums (Open Meetings Act Compliance Guide 2015 page 7):

The Act's requirement for open, public meetings applies to any discussion of public business among a quorum of a public body's members. Usually, a quorum of a public body's members meets together to discuss public business or take action. However, a quorum may exist for purposes of the Act even when the members are not physically present together at the same time and place. For example, if three members of a five-member board discuss public business in a series of telephone or email conversations, the discussion is a meeting of a quorum. This is sometimes referred to as a "rolling" or "walking" quorum. The use of a rolling quorum to discuss public business or take action violates the Act because it constitutes a meeting of a quorum of the public body's members outside of a properly noticed, public meeting.

22. Assistance Programs posted on NMDA's Website

NMDA has compiled a list of all state and federal assistance programs available during the COVID 19 Pandemic. Please look over these assistance programs and feel free to pass along any of this information that might be beneficial to individuals or groups within your SWCD.

Please visit: <https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/assistance-programs.html>.

23. Meeting and Comments on National Forests in NM

All five of the National Forests in New Mexico are in various stages of completing their Forest Plan Revisions. For updates, please visit the National Forests' websites below for meeting times and comment opportunities.

- Cibola NF:
http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/cibola/landmanagement/planning/?cid=FSBDEV3_065627
- Carson NF:
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/carson/landmanagement/planning/?cid=stelprdb5443166>
- Santa Fe NF:
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/santafe/landmanagement/planning/?cid=stelprd3791442>

- Gila NF: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/gila/home/?cid=STELPRD3828671>
- Lincoln NF: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/lincoln/home/?cid=stelprd3814307>

NMDA encourages all SWCDs to stay active in the Forest Plan Revision process for all five national forests. We also encourage SWCDs to provide information as requested to make sure that SWCD information is included in the process.

NM Sustainable Agriculture Summit



Contact: Stephanie Walker | swalker@nmsu.edu | 575-646-4398

Registration: <http://rsvp.nmsu.edu/rsvp/sustainable2023>

March 30, 2023

Santa Fe County Cooperative Extension Office

3229 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, NM 87507

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| 8:00 am | Welcome & Overview of Agriculture in NM, Jeff Witte |
| 8:30 am | Sustainable Agriculture Concerns in NM, Steve Kadas |
| 9:15 am | Funding Opportunities through the WSARE Program, Jenna Meeks |
| 10:00 am | Break |
| 10:15 pm | NM WSARE Grant Recipients Panel Discussion |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch Break |
| 12:30 pm | Future Project Discussion |
| 2:00 pm | Adjourn |



If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate, please contact Tina Wayt in advance at (575) 646-1715 or mtina@nmsu.edu.

Cooperating organizations are equal opportunity/affirmative action employers and educators.

AWR 328: All Hazards Preparedness for Animals in Disasters

This 8-hour, tuition-free, DHS/FEMA-certified course will provide livestock producers, emergency managers, veterinarians, extension agents, veterinary technicians, rural community leaders, public and human health personnel, fire and law enforcement with tools to protect, respond to, and recover from the consequences of disasters e.g. fire, flood, heat, earthquake, tornadoes, hurricanes, hazardous materials and catastrophic disease exposure involving animals in rural communities.

The course will introduce participants to the unique issues that must be considered and addressed when animals are involved in an emergency such as safe animal handling, animal evacuation, animal sheltering, humane euthanasia and carcass disposal, inclusion of animal management into existing ICS structures, federal support available during recovery, and unique considerations for conducting jurisdictional assessments and mapping evacuation routes. All content will be presented at an in-person workshop that will include didactic presentations by expert instructors, and small-group, hands-on, problem-solving activities that will be completed by participants.

The following would benefit from attending this course:

- Livestock producers
- Emergency managers
- Veterinarians
- Veterinary technicians
- Extension agents
- Rural community leaders
- Public and human health personnel
- Fire service professionals
- Law enforcement professionals

Minimum of Registrants : 25

FEMA SID (Student Identification Number) is mandated for participation.



Location:

Address:

Sponsoring Agency

Course Date:

Course Time:

Course Registration Deadline (date/time):

Prerequisites:

Non-U.S. citizens are required to complete a DHS Foreign National Visitor Request form 30 days in advance. Contact RDPC at 877-855-RDPC (7372) for more info.

Registration is **required** through the **RDPC website**. Register for this course by visiting the following link:

Register **no later than 2 weeks** before the course date. A **minimum of 20 registrations** must be received by this date to ensure the class will be held.

FEMA S.I.D. REQUIRED. Register for your FEMA Student Identification Number by visiting <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>

For more information regarding this course, please contact the following:

Course Contact Person

Course Contact Phone#

Course Contact Email Address

Additional Course Information

MGT 448: All Hazards Planning for Animal, Agricultural, and Food Related Disasters

This DHS/FEMA-certified, 8 hour, tuition-free, management-level course will provide the background information needed to lead a multi-agency team of emergency planners in the development of an Emergency Support Functions (ESF) annex for food and/or animal-related disasters to supplement their community’s existing Emergency Operation Plans (EOP). The course will address topics such as agroterrorism, detection and diagnosis, unique challenges that rural communities face in planning for and responding to food and/or animal-related disasters, utilization of ESF, recovery and the importance of sustainable operations during a disaster event, and mapping a community to identify areas of vulnerability and resources. All content will be presented at an all-day instructor-led training that will include presentations and problem-solving activities that will be completed in small groups.

The following would benefit from attending this course:

- Animal Emergency Services
- Agricultural Safety
- Emergency Managers & Planners
- Law Enforcement
- Public Health
- Private/Corporate Security & Safety
- State, Local, & Tribal Governmental Administrators
- Private/Corporate Security & Safety
- Veterinarians

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