

## NMML hosts joint meeting with NMC to consider endorsement of each organization's 2020 legislative priorities.



**Luna County** Commission named Chris Brice as the new County Manager. Chris is currently the Director of the Luna County Detention Center and serves as a Deputy Manager. He has previously served as both interim county manager and assistant county manager. He brings experience running the county's largest



department along with a distinguished career in the U.S. Navy and manager in the private sector for years.

## NM leads U.S. in percentage of high-hazard dams

Nearly 50% of the 97 dams that are high-hazard are in bad shape. Many dams lack emergency action plans. The NM Legislature approved this year more than \$10 million for dam improvements and other flood control projects. But local government officials say the need always outweighs available funding.

"Aging infrastructure is overall quite a priority for counties... Roads are probably our highest, but dams come in right up there at the top," said Joy Esparsen, NMC Deputy Executive Director. The more rural the dam and fewer people affected, the lower on the list it will be, Joy said. This is huge.

County elected officials should plan to work with their lawmakers who may be asking for more money for dam design and restoration projects during the 2020 legislative

## 2020 Legislative Conference

January 21-23, 2020  
Santa Fe, NM

### Registration Open for NM Counties 2020 Legislative Conference! Click [HERE](#)

January 21-23, 2020

#### For County Members

Advance registration **\$200** through November 15, 2019  
Standard registration **\$225** November 16-January 10, 2020

Late/onsite registration **\$250** January 11-January 23, 2020 \*online registration closes January 10, 2020

#### November

Wed. Nov. 13-15 Local Gov't Division Annual Budget Conference Albuquerque

#### December

Wed. Dec. 4 Advisory Council meeting 11 a.m. NMC Santa Fe office

Wed. Dec. 11 Multi-Line Pool Board meeting 8:30 a.m. NMC Santa Fe office

Thurs. Dec. 12 Workers' Compensation Board meeting 9 a.m. NMC Santa Fe office

#### January 2020

Mon. Jan. 20-22 NM EDGE classes, Drury Plaza Hotel

Tues. Jan. 21-23 NMC Legislative Conference, Santa Fe, SFCCC

Tues. Jan. 21 Legislative Session, Noon

Tues. Jan. 21 NMCIA Membership meeting 8 a.m. Eldorado

Tues. Jan. 21 NMC Board of Directors meeting 2 p.m. Eldorado

Wed. Jan. 22 Death and Taxes-Conversations w/NM Tax & Rev 8 a.m. SF Community Convention Center

Wed. Jan. 22 One Toke Over the Line-Cannabis Legalization Impact 9:30 a.m. SFCCC

Thurs. Jan. 23 NMC Conference Legislative Breakfast 7:15-8:30 a.m. SFCCC

Thurs. Jan. 30 NMC Executive Committee teleconference or in person NMC Santa Fe office 11 a.m.



Applications open for the National Association of Counties (NACo) **2020 Achievement Awards!**

Earn national recognition for outstanding county government programs and services. The 18 "best of category" winners will be recognized on stage at the 2020 NACo Annual Conference in Orange County/Orlando, Fla. Come on NM counties-toot your horn and enter your best program/service! Questions? View [online brochure](#) or email [awards@naco.org](mailto:awards@naco.org).

**EARLY BIRD APPLICATION DEADLINE:** March 9, 2020 (save \$25 off the application fee)  
**FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE:** March 30, 2020

## NATIONAL NEWS

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## NACo Webinars/Meetings

Thurs. Nov. 21-22 [Stepping Up Peer Exchange](#) Tulsa County, OK

Tues. Dec. 5 [Stepping Up and Data-Driven Justice: Using Data to Identify and Serve People who Frequently Utilize Health, Human Services and Justice Systems](#) 12 p.m. -1:15 p.m. MT

Fri. Feb. 29-Mar. 4, 2020 [2020 NACo Legislative Conference](#) General Colin Powell key speaker

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## NMC Loss Prevention Trainings Link to [RSVP](#)

Tues. 11/19-20 PREA Coordinator Training Dona Ana County Adult Detention Center, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Wed. 12/4 CPR Instructor Training - Medic First Aid Program NMC's ABQ office conference room, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Mon. 1/9-10 PREA Investigator Training, NM Bar Association Conference Room, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.



## Phone companies race to establish national 5G networks

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T-Mobile plans to provide free service to 10 million households in the United States who qualify based on their income, as well as to police, firefighters and other emergency responders in the United States over the coming 10 years. And the company plans to offer a \$15-a-month prepaid plan is said is half that cost of its lowest-price plan today.

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