Special Legislative Session June 18, 2020

The Legislative Finance Committee met this week to consider the actions (or “sandbagging”) to propose for the state budget special session:

- Expect FY20 general fund revenue to fall about $375 million below forecast
- Expect FY21 general fund revenue to fall $1.98 billion below the December forecast
- Draw reserves to 12% ending FY21
- Cut a portion of 2020 special appropriation;
- Pare back/eliminate new general fund initiatives not sustainable in FY22
- Reduce the 4% across the board pay increase — leaving enough to cover higher benefit costs
- Sand most FY21 general fund appropriations 2% to 4% with smaller reductions for schools, health, and Medicaid
- Use Federal Funds, especially the $1.25 billion stimulus fund, to temporarily reduce general fund spending — The Senate’s intent is to have a very short session of 1-2 days.

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Otero County challenges response rates by census tracts giving out gift cards ranging from $50 to $500. If the county reaches 75%+ all entrants are eligible for a grand prize!

San Juan County earned a 2020 NACO Achievement Award for "For Clean Up San Juan!" The GIS department along with the solid waste management and other local agencies, addressed the issue of illegal dumping on public lands, a phone app for reporting, web map app for cleanup crew, online operations dashboard, and volunteer cleanup program. Congratulations San Juan County GIS Manager Sherice Snell!

RESOURCES FOR COUNTIES

Thu. Jun 18 NACO Tech Exchange Presents 5 p.m. Online - 
Culture 10 a.m.
What Happens When We Go Back? 11:30 a.m.
LP
Leadership Ethics and Positive Decision Making 8 a.m. Wed.
LP
Interview and Interrogation 8 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Webinar:
Dollar During & After COVID
Weekend 10 a.m.
Webinar:
Call for Presentations
HERE
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2020 CENSUS UPDATES/RESOURCES

The Navajo Area Census Office will restart operations on Thursday, June 11.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS FOR THE SUMMER ROADMAP

The WUFS committee is now accepting presentation proposals for the upcoming summer. Click HERE for details. Proposals are due by July 31, 2020. Contact Aelysea Webb, 505-370-1554 or awebb@nmcounties.org for more information.

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Wildland Urban Fire Summit October 22-23, 2020 Las Vegas, San Miguel County