

News Brief

April 15, 2021



Registration OPEN for the NMC Regional **Legislative Virtual Meetings** All county members are invited to register for a **regional** meeting and join the discussion about the 2021 session and potential effects of new legislation on the counties. Invitations will be sent to state legislators to attend by region. Please invite your local legislators to participate. Registrants will receive an email with the *access* link.

10AM-Noon each day:

Wed April 21 - Bernalillo County (NW) **REGISTER HERE** Thu April 22 - Doña Ana County (SW) REGISTER HERE Wed April 28 - San Miguel County (NE) **REGISTER HERE** Thu April 29 - Chaves County (SE) **REGISTER HERE**

First Line Supervisor-Leadership Course

New Mexico Counties is hosting online First Line Supervisor training beginning

April 27 The class is scheduled one day a week, Tuesdays, for five weeks. Contact Greg Rees, grees@nmcounties.org, to register for this 40-hour NMLEA accredited course.



NMC: Internal Affairs Investigation and Legal Issues Training July 13-15, 2021

NMC will pay tuition for two people from each Sheriff's Office to attend

in person. Contact Greg Rees, grees@nmcounties.org, by July 5 to register or if more want to attend.

Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North

5151 San Francisco Rd NE ABQ, NM 87109

- \$99/nightly rate for Tue July 13 and Wed July
- **Reservations made by June 28, 2021** for group rate; Check in 3:00PM/Check out Noon
- For reservations click <u>HERE</u> or call 800-228-9290



Bilingual Storytime: The Night the Moon Fell

Hear Siah Correa Hemphill and Grant County Assessor Raul Turrieta for a "read off." This traditional Mayan myth in which the moon is a young weaver and the

Milky Way is a fish, has been transformed to show a spunky moon who finds a way to save herself. There will be costumes, dramatics, and a whole lot of literary love. Take the poll on which reader did a better job. Winner gets bragging rights! Sun April 18, 7PM Register here for the Zoom link.

It's the newly shaven clean cut Raul! Good luck!

Transforming Farms and Food Production With Solar Panels

Agrivoltaics—putting solar panels on farmland—lead to astonishing productivity gains and improved efficiency. Except when they do not. Experimental testing in Arizona shows that agrivoltaics can harvest the sun twice—as fuel for crops and as a source of renewable energy. The shade solar panels lofted above crops provide keeps moisture in the ground longer, which keeps plants from stressing out and increase production. Solar panels shading cattle of a rotational grazing pasture have successfully lowered animal heat stress while powering a milking parlor. Sheep grazing solar replaces mechanical mowers and benefits society and the environment. With solar, animals have shade in abundance. Some uncertainties remain though like farming logistics for crops that need aerial spraying, crop constraints for plants dislike of partial sun, and the possibility of lightning strikes. With the right policies, financial incentives, and farmer support, agrivoltaics might be a rare win-win. Low-hanging fruit anyone? ~ excerpt from Governing.com

NACo American Rescue Plan Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund FAQs

In advance of the U.S. Treasury Department releasing comprehensive guidance on the implementation of the Recovery Fund, NACo has curated an FAQ resource to help answer some common questions. Read More

Forest Service distributes SRS payments to over 700 counties

The most recent round of payments through Secure Rural Schools totaled \$193 million, but the program is not authorized beyond FY2021. Read more

CDC eviction moratorium extended through June 30, 2021

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau reports that more than 8.8 million households across the country are currently behind on rent. Read more

Thu Apr 22 Strengthening County Partnerships with Post-Secondary Education Systems and Enhancing Local Workforce Opportunities Noon-1PM MDT

Check out more news and photos at www.facebook.com/pg/nmcounties33/posts County employment opportunities **here** New Employee? Add Directory updates here Did someone forward you this email? Sign up

NM Environment Department offering \$100,000 in solid Waste Facility Grant funding

- Applications accepted through April 30, 2021
- Funding for engineering and infrastructure improvements at landfills, transfer stations, and collection centers
- Used for services, facility design, monitoring wells, traffic flow improvements, litter control mechanisms, and other improvements
- No matching funds or in-kind contributions required
- Must cover project costs up front but will be reimbursed through the grant award
- Projects must begin after July 1, 2021 and completed by June 30, 2022

Apply **HERE**. Questions? Contact Genevieve Morgan at <u>Genevieve.morgan@state.nm.us</u>.

Link to NMC Meetings Annual Calendar Link to NMC Loss Prevention Trainings RSVP All trainings open to county elected officials & employees

Wed Apr 21, 22 Regional Legislative virtual meetings April 21

Bernalillo County, April 22 Doña Ana County Wed Apr 28, 29 Regional Legislative virtual meetings April 28

San Miguel County, April 29 Chaves County Online LP Effective Employee Discipline, Tue Apr 27

10AM-Noon Online First Line Supervisor Class 1 Day 1 of 5, Tue Apr 27 Day 2 May 4, Day 3 May 11, Day 4 May 18, Day

5 May 25 Contact grees@nmcounties.org Wed Apr 28–29 Online First Aid/CPR Instructor Development

9AM-Noon Mon May3-5 PREA Compliance—Mock Audit Training,

Catron, Dona Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Otero, & Sierra Counties

Harassment Prevention Training 10-11:30AM Tue May 4 Fri May 7 NMC Board of Directors meeting, 8:30AM Wed May 12-13 NMCIA Pool Board meeting 8:30AM-

12:30PM each day Wed May 12–13 Online Road Ready Instructor Development

8AM-Noon

WIR Annual Conference TBD June- Aug or Sep NMC Annual Conference moved TBD

Mon June 14-16 NM EDGE classes, details to come Thu Jun 17 NMC Board of Directors meeting TBD Wed Jun 30-1 Instructor Development Reasonable Suspicion Supervisor Training

NACo Annual Conference hybrid in-person/ Fri July 9-12 virtual Prince George County, MD

Tue July 13-15 Internal Affairs Administrative Investigation Fri Aug 6 NMC Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM

Tue Aug 17-20 NMML Annual Conference ABQ TBD

Wed Aug 18-19 NMCIA Pool Board meeting 8:30AM-2:30PM