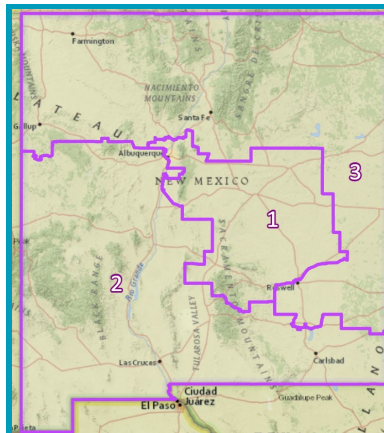




The New Mexico County Family
Have a wonderful Christmas and holiday celebrations. NMC looks forward to seeing many of you in Santa Fe next year at the Legislative Conference!

NM Second Special Session ended Friday and as predicted, it was a messy, vituperative (Steve's new favorite word), debate that ended where mostly expected. Redistricting is a political process, and even though there was an attempt to utilize an independent redistricting committee to make the hard decisions...it's still politicians who pick the committee. Some of the concerns about the committee included no rural representation on the committee, and several very political members (including two former state senators and a former executive director for a state political party). In the end, the political process won out, politicians created new boundaries, and depending on which side of the spectrum you might be, the result was normal.

The past two redistricting sessions were with Republican governors and Democratic legislatures, so the courts ended up drawing the new boundaries. There have been lawsuit threats for the past two weeks, but, so far, nothing has been filed...and, if those suits get filed, there's no telling what the courts might do. The maps, along with voter data, are available [HERE](#) (zoom in or scroll down to view more links). [Senate Bill 1](#) contains county precinct numbers by congressional district. ~Brian Moore, NMC



Also of importance, [House Bill 2](#) was an appropriation bill the Governor asked the Legislature to enact that spends some of the federal money that was received last year. The bill mostly moves up spending the Legislature would

have done in February, but there are some very specific appropriations listed (shout out to Harding County for the money to improve NM State Highway 39 and to Valencia County for their hospital money). Some of my personal favorites include \$20 million for State Parks, \$15 million for tourism advertising and \$7 million for outdoor recreation projects (we were able to remove the 50% local match). Most of the money moves to the general fund and the Legislature will include it in their spending plans at the next session. I hate to keep bringing it up, but there will be a lot of money available for one-time spending (capital outlay?), so make sure your legislators know what your priorities are. ~Brian Moore, NMC



Hybrid: In-person and virtual
Review/download the agenda [HERE](#)

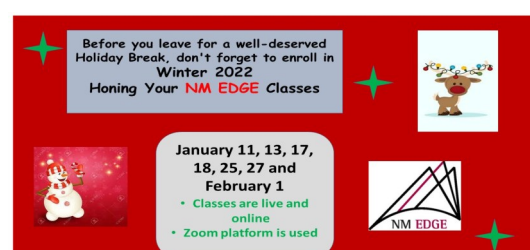
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*Registration deadline for in-person attendees is
Monday, December 27, 2021*



You won't want to miss this! Premiere showing of 33 Strong county engagement video launch happening January 19, 2022. See you at Legislative Conference!

Thu Jan 6 [BLM Webinar: Orphaned Well Program](#)-\$250M to identify and remediate orphaned wells on federal lands; learn about BLM's overall implementation plan
12:30PM-2PM Register at this link:
https://blm.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_8f9RtNk1Tn-g84xEtJSyBw



NM EDGE Winter Honing Roadmap/Class Schedule

T is for Training on Tuesdays and Thursdays
January 11-February 1, 2022
New certification for DWI Coordinator [HERE](#)



Link to NMC Meetings [Annual Calendar](#)

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

All trainings open to county elected officials & employees
Tue & Thu Jan Live online NMEDGE Classes Jan. 11, 13, 17, 18, 25, 27
Mon Jan 17-18 Live online NM EDGE Classes
Tue Jan 18-20 Hybrid NMC Legislative Conference in person & virtual, Santa Fe County
Tue Jan 18 Legislative Session Begins Noon
Tue Jan 18 Hybrid NMCIA Membership meeting 9AM Eldorado Hotel
Tue Jan 18 Hybrid NMC Board of Directors meeting 2PM Eldorado Hotel
Thu Jan 27 Virtual NMC Executive Committee meeting 11AM
Wed Feb 2 Deadline for Bill Introduction
Sat Feb 5 NMC Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM Santa Fe County
Thu Feb 10 Virtual NMC Executive Committee meeting 11AM
Sat Feb 12-16 NACo Legislative Conference D.C.
Thu Feb 17 Legislative Session ends Noon
Tue & Thu Mar NM EDGE Classes Live Online , Mar. 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31
Wed Mar 9 NMCIA Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM TBD
Wed Mar 23 Legislative Regional meeting 10AM Doña Ana County
Thu Mar 24 Legislative Regional meeting 10AM Chaves County
Tue Mar 29 Legislative Regional meeting 10 AM San Miguel County
Wed. Mar 30 Legislative Regional meeting 10AM
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