



**Mid-Region Council of Governments
Board of Directors
Thursday, January 12, 2023
10:30 a.m.**

809 Copper Avenue NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Zoom link below.

Barbara Baca, Chair

Greggory Hull, Vice-Chair

AGENDA

Call to Order

The presence of a quorum will be noted

Tab 1 **Approval of Agenda for January 12, 2023**

Tab 2 **Approval of Action Summary of June 9, 2022**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tab 3 **Public Comments**

Anyone who wishes to address the Board must register with the Secretary of the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

Tab 4 **Approval of 2023 MRCOG Board of Directors/Executive Board Meeting Schedule**

Tab 5 **Approval of Legislative Priorities**

Tab 6 **Approval of Economic Resilience Plan**

DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS

Tab 7 **Economic Development Report**

Tab 8 **Executive Director's Report**

Tab 9 **Board Comments**

Adjournment (A motion to adjourn is not necessary)

**Next Scheduled Full Board Meeting:
April 13, 2023**

Anyone requiring special accommodations, please notify the MRCOG office at 247-1750 seven days prior to the meeting.

Zoom link below

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Jan 12, 2023 10:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Topic: MRCOG Executive Board Meeting

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Action Summary

Mid-Region Council of Governments
Board of Directors (Virtual Meeting)
Thursday, June 9, 2022
10:30 a.m.
809 Copper Ave. NW
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

Debbie O'Malley, Chair

Barbara Baca, Vice-Chair

ORGANIZATION	PRESENT	MEMBER	PRESENT	ALTERNATE
Sandoval County {2}	X X	*David Heil , Commissioner Katherine Bruch , Commissioner		Wayne Johnson
Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque {2}		* Donald Lopez , Mayor Vacant	X	Ann Simon
City of Albuquerque (Administration) {1}		*Lawrence Rael , COO	X	Leon Espinoza
City of Albuquerque (City Council) {6}	X X	Tammy Fiebelkorn , Councilor Isaac Benton , Councilor *Pat Davis , Councilor Klarissa Peña , Councilor Dan Lewis , Councilor Brook Bassan , Councilor	X X X	Sean Foran Jeff Hertz Tom Menicucci
AMAFCA {1}	X	Bruce Thomson		Other board members Ron Brown
Albuquerque Public Schools {1}		Barbara Petersen	X	Josephina Dominguez
City of Belen {2}		Robert Noblin , Mayor	X	Steven Tomita
Town of Bernalillo {2}	X	Jack Torres , Mayor Vacant		Ida Fierro
Bernalillo County {3}	X X	*Debbie O'Malley Commissioner, <i>Chair</i> Julie Morgas Baca , Commissioner Steven Michael Quezada , Commissioner	 X	Elias Archuleta Margarita Archibeque
Village of Bosque Farms {2}		*Russell Walkup , Mayor Vacant		
Village of Corrales {2}	X	* Mel Knight , Councilor		Vacant
Village of Cuba {2}		Vacant , Mayor Vandora Casados , Clerk/Trustee		Vacant
Town of Edgewood {2}		Vacant , Mayor		
Village of Encino {2}		Vacant Vacant		Loretta Chavez
Town of Estancia (2)	X	Amy May		
Village of Jemez Springs (2)		Vacant Vacant		Vacant
Pueblo of Laguna (1)		Vacant		Vacant

ORGANIZATION	PRESENT	MEMBER	PRESENT	ALTERNATE
Village of Los Lunas {2}		Charles Griego , Mayor Erin Callahan ,		Gregory D. Martin

		Dir. Community Development		
Los Lunas Public Schools {1}		Ron Williams , Assistant Superintendent Operations		Clair Cieremans
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District {1}	X	Barbara Baca, Vice-Chair		Karen Dunning
City of Moriarty {2}	X	*M. Steven Anaya Ted Hart , Mayor		Linda Fischer
Town of Mountainair {2}		Vacant Vacant		Vacant
Village of Peralta		Leon Otero		Vacant
City of Rio Rancho {2}	X X	*Greggory D. Hull , Mayor Robert Tyler , Councilor		Matthew B. Geisel Jim Owen
City of Rio Communities		Vacant , Mayor	X	Jim Winters
Rio Rancho Public Schools		Vacant		Vacant
Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority {1}		*Cassandra D'Antonio , Board Member	X	Ron Abramshe
Village of Tijeras {2}		*Jake Bruton , Mayor Maxine Wilson , Councilor	X	Michael Limon
Torrance County {2}	X	*Leroy Candelaria Janice Barela		
Valencia County {2}		Jhonathan Aragon , Commissioner Gerald Saiz , Commissioner		Vacant
Village of Willard {2}		Robert Chavez , Mayor Emily Sanchez , Clerk		Vacant

*** Executive Board**

NON-VOTING ADVISORY MEMBER				
ORGANIZATION	PRESENT	MEMBER	PRESENT	ALTERNATE
Kirtland Air Force Base		Vacant		
Federal Highway Administration		Cindy Vigue , Division Administrator		
NM Dept. of Transportation		Michael Sandoval , Secretary		
NM Dept. of Transportation		Justin Gibson District 3 Engineer		
Pueblo of Santa Ana		Governor		
MRCOG STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT				
Dewey Cave, Wendy Candelaria, Marla Montiel, Bianca Borg				

AGENDA

Call to Order

The June 9, 2022 Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Chair Debbie O'Malley, Bernalillo County, at 10:36 a.m. A roll call attendance was taken and the presence of a quorum was noted.

Tab 1

Approval of Agenda for June 9, 2022

Action Taken:

Ms. O'Malley made a motion to:

APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JUNE 9, 2022

The motion was seconded by Julie Morgas Baca, Bernalillo County, and passed unanimously on a vote of 22 in favor and none opposed. See attendance sheet above.

Tab 2

Approval of Action Summary of January 13, 2022

Action Taken:

Ms. O'Malley made a motion to:

APPROVE THE ACTION SUMMARY OF JANUARY 13, 2022

The motion was seconded by Barbara Baca, MRGCD, and passed unanimously on a roll call vote of 22 in favor and none opposed. See attendance sheet above.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tab 3

Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Tab 4

Approval of MRCOG FY 2023 Proposed Budget/Goals and Objectives

Dewey Cave, MRCOG Executive Director, presented the 2023 Proposed Budget/Goals and Objectives and stood for questions.

Action Taken:

Amy May, Town of Estancia, made a motion to:

APPROVE THE MRCOG FY 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET/GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The motion was seconded by Steven Anaya, City of Moriarty, and passed unanimously on a vote of 22 in favor and none opposed. See attendance sheet above.

Tab 5
R-22-01
MRCOG

Approval of MRCOG Property Disposition Committee

Mr. Cave explained that pursuant to Section 13-6-1 NMSA, MRCOG is required to designate a committee of at least three members of the Board to approve and oversee the disposal of worn-out, obsolete or otherwise unusable property.

MRCOG, from time to time, has property that is unusable or obsolete to the extent that the item or items are no longer economical or safe for continued use by the MRCOG. Last year's committee members were Gregory Hull, Donald Lopez and Barbara Baca.

	<p><u>Action Taken:</u></p> <p>Ms. O'Malley made a motion to:</p> <p>APPROVE THE APPOINT THE SAME MEMBERS AS LAST YEAR TO SERVE AS THE PROPERTY DISPOSITION COMMITTEE</p> <p>The motion was seconded by Ms. Morgas Baca and passed unanimously on a vote of 22 in favor and none opposed. See attendance sheet above.</p>
<p>Tab 6 R-22-02 MRCOG</p>	<p>Approval of Open Meetings Resolution</p> <p>Mr. Cave explained that each year, the MRCOG Board approves the Open Meetings resolution to remain in compliance with statutory regulations.</p> <p>Section 10-15-1D of the Open Meetings Act requires MRCOG to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings.</p> <p><u>Action Taken:</u></p> <p>Ms. Morgas Baca made a motion to:</p> <p>APPROVE THE OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION, R-22-02 MRCOG</p> <p>The motion was seconded by Mr. Anaya and passed unanimously on a vote of 22 in favor and none opposed.</p>
<p>Tab 7</p>	<p>Approval of Election of Officers FY 2023</p> <p><u>Action Taken:</u></p> <p>Jack Torres, Town of Bernalillo, made a motion to nominate Barbara Baca and Chair and Gregory Hull as Vice-Chair.</p> <p>The motion was seconded by David Heil, Sandoval County and passed unanimously on a vote of 21 in favor with Mayor Hull abstaining.</p>
<p>Tab 8</p>	<p>Confirmation of Executive Board</p> <p><u>Action Taken:</u></p> <p>Ms. O'Malley made a motion to confirm the Executive Board officers as presented.</p> <p>The motion was seconded by Julie Morgas Baca and passed unanimously on a vote of 22 in favor and none opposed.</p>
DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS	
<p>Tab 9</p>	<p>Executive Director's Report</p> <p>Mr. Cave reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the TIP prioritization process is being reviewed - the MRCOG Transportation staff is assisting the City of Albuquerque on a road safety audit - staff are finalizing their annual reports which are due in August - the COG is planning to host an annual event after their being cancelled due to the Covid restrictions for two years <p>Mr. Cave thanked Debbie O'Malley for her service as board chair as well as her service on other MRCOG boards.</p>

Tab 7	Board Comments There were no comments from Board members.
	Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Barbara Baca, Chair
MRCOG Board of Directors

Attest:

Dewey V. Cave, Executive Director
MRCOG

MID-REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS/EXECUTIVE BOARD
2023 MEETING SCHEDULE
(2nd Thursday of each month)

January 12	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Executive Board Full Board
February 9	10:00 a.m.	Executive Board
March 9	10:00 a.m.	Executive Board
April 13	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Executive Board Full Board
May 11	10:00 a.m.	Executive Board
June 8	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Executive Board Full Board
July 13	10:00 a.m.	Executive Board
August 10	10:00 a.m.	Executive Board
September (TBA)	Annual Event (The annual event usually takes place around this time. You will be notified in August.)	
October 12	10:00 a.m.	Executive Board
November 9	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Executive Board Full Board
December 7	10:00 a.m.	Executive Board

Meeting dates are subject to change or cancellation. Note: The Full Board meets quarterly.

You will always receive either a cancellation notice via e-mail or an agenda packet for the meeting.

Please call Barbara Thomas at 724-3616 with questions or for further information.



MRCOG 2023 Legislative Priorities:

Capital Outlay

- Support capital outlay requests of member governments
- Monitor legislation that proposes changes to the administration and awarding of capital outlay funding

Transportation

- Support funding request from the Rio Metro Regional Transit District for construction and operational costs and capital projects
- Support the New Mexico Rail Runner Express program and advocate for improvement of transit services
- Support initiatives that improve regional transportation, such as the UNM/CNM Corridor transit implementation and the Los Lunas River Crossing Corridor
- Support the Statewide Development of New Mexico Complete Streets Policies
- Support legislation to improve transportation safety including programs that promote a Safe Systems Approach to Transportation which prioritizes safety first in road system investment decisions; support for Vision Zero Programs to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries.
- Promote equitable access to transportation investment by supporting tribal entities, rural areas, and traditionally underserved communities (low income / high minority) in their efforts to access economic opportunities and transportation infrastructure.
- Support efforts to improve access to housing particularly efforts to connect housing to employment and align transportation investment with local housing patterns; improve housing affordability in proximity to transit corridors
- Support initiatives that promote autonomous vehicle deployment on the statewide or municipal level
- Support increased funding to the State Matching Grant Fund through the Department of Finance and Administration that provides a local match for federal infrastructure programs

Economic Development

- Support entrepreneurship through accelerators, makerspaces, and incubators
- Support local business development initiatives
- Support funding for key infrastructure that improves economic development, especially transit-oriented and cargo-oriented economic development

Water Policy

- Encourage coordination of regional water plans and implementation of the policies, projects and programs specified in the water plans
- Support State funding to capitalize the Water Trust Fund
- Establish and maintain an aquifer measurement and monitoring program

- Support statewide water conservation strategies
- Support forest and watershed restoration programs
- Monitor any legislation relating to water resources and impact on member governments
- Support legislation to provide for the creation of regional water utility authorities
- Support increased funding for the New Mexico Water Data Initiative
- Support efforts to manage the demand of water from the Rio Grande to avoid a violation of the Rio Grande Compact.

Issues that Impact Local Government Authority

- Support legislation granting more authority to local government to set property tax mill rates. Monitor any legislation that impacts Local Revenues and Local Authority
- Monitor legislation that proposes changes to the imposition of Gross Receipts tax to offset loss of Hold Harmless revenue
- Monitor legislation on State tax policy and effects on local government including proposed legislation to eliminate credits, deductions and exemptions— how tax credits, deductions, and exemptions impact local revenue
- Protect local revenues
- Protect local funding sources
- Protect regulatory authority of member governments
- Support legislation that provides funding and authority for behavioral health services
- Support proposed changes to the Small Cities & Counties Assistance Fund
- Monitor legislation related to public safety and sentencing that may create unfunded mandates on local governments

Law Enforcement Reform

- Support legislation to provide funding and statutory support for mental health resources and crisis intervention teams
- Support legislation and funding to increase the availability of services for behavioral health and substance abuse
- Support legislation and funding efforts to provide an increased level of training for government employees to deal with individuals in behavioral health crisis
- Support legislation that changes the makeup and powers of the Law Enforcement Academy to enforcement authority and to enhance the ability of the LEA to track, discipline and make determinations regarding the continued certification of law enforcement officers with a history of disciplinary issues
- Support legislation that provides additional training and funding for public safety personnel in the areas of crisis intervention, dealing with individuals suffering from mental illness or substance abuse issues, dealing with individuals in behavioral health crisis

Miscellaneous

- Monitor legislation that proposes changes to the PERA and ERA retirement of public employees. Ensure that any proposed legislation has a minimal or manageable impact on member governments as employers
- Monitor changes to Inspection of Public Records Act and Open Meetings Act



Executive Summary

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Economic resilience is the ability to prevent, withstand, and quickly recover from major economic disruptions and can even lead to avoiding shocks altogether. Significant economic disruptions caused by the recent pandemic have negatively impacted communities in the Mid-Region. The pandemic has exposed and exacerbated underlying inequities, lack of opportunities, and insufficient access to resources in communities that were already disadvantaged. The Economic Development Resiliency and Recovery Plan, the Plan, identifies strategies to help communities build capacity, increase equity, and access the full potential of their social, human, and economic capital. This will enable communities to foster a healthy economy and be more resilient moving forward. Creating a proactive plan for surviving future disruptions is essential to success.

PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN

This Plan explores events and disasters that may cause disruption in the economy and addresses how events, including the COVID pandemic, expose and exacerbate social and economic weaknesses. The Plan provides goals, strategies, and priorities to reduce the impact of disasters on communities and to improve their economic resilience to hazards and changing conditions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Over 400 government officials, industry representatives, and community stakeholders participated in the planning process. The Mid-Region communities recognize their potential for economic recovery and the threats and challenges

that exist, including the inevitability of future natural and man-made disasters. To develop a stronger, more resilient economy, communities must address the threats that currently limit their economy while looking ahead to challenges on the horizon.

The key goals and themes that emerged over the course of developing this Plan include:

1. *Collaborate and coordinate with communities in the region to address common threats and challenges. Specifically, rural communities will benefit from collaborating with their neighbors to jointly achieve their goals.*
2. *Diversify the economy to reduce single industry dependence and to create economic drivers that are more resilient to downturns.*
3. *Address limitations associated with water resources and foster sustainable economic development patterns by linking resources and growth.*
4. *Address the lack of reliable broadband internet in rural communities, and identify resources to assist local businesses in creating a successful online presence.*
5. *Enable rural communities to build operational capacities to apply for more funding, and/or create external resources that support communities applying for funding.*
6. *Address aging and insufficient infrastructure, particularly in rural communities.*

7. Address crime and safety, particularly in urban communities.

8. Address the affordable housing crisis in both urban and rural communities.

9. Prepare for future wildfires and cascading hazards, like flooding, to mitigate and prevent severe impacts.

10. Address invasive species and range productivity issues, and develop farming practices that can adapt to drought conditions.

the starting point of the Resilience Roadmap. The [“Resilience Roadmap” on page 30](#) of this Plan provides a list of goals, strategies, projects, partners, and funding sources to address each priority area.

In addition, the [Appendix](#) includes a Resilience Scorecard based on the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR’s). The Resilience Scorecard is a tool for communities in the Mid-Region to evaluate themselves and monitor and review their progress in implementing the resiliency strategies identified in this Plan. The goals, strategies, and proposed tools contained in this Plan are a starting point for communities to become more robust and make the Mid-Region a welcoming and healthy place for current and future generations.

RESILIENCE ROADMAP

This Plan lays out a Resilience Roadmap for communities to use along their journeys toward greater resilience and more robust economies. The first step is to identify what threats and challenges the Mid-Region economies face. The most critical threats and challenges for each of the specific areas, or Community Clusters, are then identified as Priority Areas. These create

FIGURE 1.
RESILIENCE READINESS ROADMAP

