

QUARTERLY ACTIVITY
REPORT
TO
SOUTHEASTERN NEW
MEXICO
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT/

*COUNCIL OF
GOVERNMENTS*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

APRIL to JUNE, 2009

INFORMATION

DISSEMINATION

- The SNMEDD/COG Board of Directors met on April 17, 2009. A quorum of the District's Board Members was present. Board President Mayor Matt White of Eunice called the meeting to order. The Board heard a review of the Annual Audit presented by our auditor Ron Miller, Miller and Associates, CPA. The District received an unqualified audit report and there were no findings. The Audit was approved and accepted. The need to have another Board Retreat was discussed along with potential dates. The site will be the Hurd Ranch in San Patricio. The next Mayors' Summit to be held in Alamogordo was announced and discussed. No date has been set. Rory McMinn, a member of the New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority was the Program speaker. He provided information on the role and status of RETA. RETA was established to create a funding mechanism that creates bonding opportunities to capitalize transmission lines to deliver electricity to markets from alternative production sources in New Mexico. State Representatives Candy Spence-Ezell, Dennis Kintigh and Senator Rod Adair each gave an overview of recently completed Legislature and capital outlay process.
- Organized and conducted with the New Mexico Office of Recovery and Reinvestment (NMORR) a workshop in Ruidoso Downs on the availability and process for acquiring competitive grants from the President's Economic Stimulus Program. Nearly 170 people were in attendance. The District worked with former Governor Toney Anaya the NMORR Chairman and Secretary Rick Homans.
- The SNMEDD/COG website (www.snmedd.org) was updated. The SERPO membership list, STIP and meeting notice were updated. The City Functional Classification Maps have also been added. The District's meeting date information was also updated.
- Participated in a joint SNMEDD-CCDF-USDA information program to provide program and funding information to local business and potential businesses in Chaves County.

- Met with the City of Carlsbad and Carlsbad Development Corporation to provide information on the President's Economic Stimulus Program and the NMORR. They were interested in knowing the role the SNMEDD would be playing with the funding and promotion of programs for funding in New Mexico.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Continued assistance the Town of Lake Arthur, Village of Loving and the community of Nogal with the development of their applications and projects for Colonias Initiative funding.
- Continued to seek avenues of funding for the North Park MDWUA in north Eddy County. The project continues to develop unforeseen bumps as we attempt to make progress.
- Continued worked with several engineers to complete Preliminary Engineering reports for CDBG and Colonias projects.
- Continued to work with the City of Hobbs, City of Jal, Village of Ruidoso and City of Ruidoso Downs, and City of Alamogordo with the applications to Austin Regional Office of EDA.
- Assisted the City of Eunice with the preparation of an application to HUD for an incubator facility under the Rural Housing and Economic Development program. The project was an Economic Stimulus funding project.
- Continued work on Environmental Reviews for several communities.
- Assisted with the Preliminary Engineering Report planning grants for North Park Mutual Domestic Association and Chihuahuaita Revitalization Project.
- Writing comprehensive planning grants for several of our communities.
- Provided assistance to the Village of Hope and their engineer on the Community Center project.
- Assisted several water associations with research and completion of forms essential for their operation.
- Met with representative of a new economic development corporation in Lincoln County. Provided assistance on funding opportunities and programs to assist the Lincoln County area.

- Provided assistance to the Town of Hagerman and the Town of Dexter on USDA Grant/Loan packages for the purchase of emergency vehicles.
- Working with the Chaves County Development Foundation on 3 new or business expansion projects.
- Assisted with close out and monitoring of several CDBG Projects with DFA and local government officials.
- Provided information at council and commission meetings on SERPO and transportation programs to City of Alamogordo, Lincoln County and the City of Ruidoso Downs.
- Made presentations for SERPO Policy and Technical Committees on Annual Work Program, Policy Committee Ratings and Prioritization of Scenic By-Ways Project Applications and Policy and Technical Committee review of 1st Year Roadway Applications.

COORDINATION / LIASION

- Participated with the New Mexico Office of Recovery and Reinvestment in the planning and evaluation of the statewide effort to provide information to the people of the state about the President's Economic Stimulus Program. Attended several NMORR meeting in Santa Fe as a NMORR Committee member. Attended the NMORR workshop in Tucumcari and the Summit Meeting in Las Cruces.
- Attended local government budget hearings in Carlsbad, Lincoln County and Otero County.
- Spent countless hours working with DFA on rule development and clarification for the CDBG program
- Attended and presented at the annual CDBG Implementation Workshop in Santa Fe.
- Attended the CDBG Rules and Regulation Changes Public Hearing. Suggested changes to clarify language and simplify implementation for local governments.

- Attended the CDBG 2009 Allocation Meeting in Ruidoso. Six of our local governments' projects were funded.
- Hosted ICIP training workshop in April 20 people attended the training conducted by DFA.
- Attended the statewide Regional Planning Organizations quarterly planning meeting in Acoma.
- Scheduling 2010 CDBG Public Hearings for communities wishing to seek CDBG funding in the upcoming project year.
- Attended HELP Board Meeting.
- Attended NMSECAC Board Meeting
- Attended NM WIA Board Meetings
- Coordinated NM DOT on mailing to have ADA Coordinator identified in each SERPO member locality.
- Coordinated and conducted Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) workshop on Work Zone Traffic Control for Maintenance Operations Training in Artesia through SERPO.
- Participated in the NM DOT District 2 Open House in Roswell.
- Submitted the annual confirmation of RPO membership for SERPO.

TRAINING/LIASION

- Continuing to work with National Association of Development Organizations (NADO). Participated and attended the Summer Board Meeting and Planning Retreat in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.
- Working and coordinating the planning of the Southwest Region Executive Directors Association Annual Conference in Santa Fe. The conference will be at the La Fonda Hotel from December 1-3.
- Attended Otero County Bio-Diesel informational meeting in Alamogordo.
- Attended and participated in NewMARC meetings in Santa Fe.
- Attended the first session of the Leadership New Mexico Training program in Santa Fe.

- Provided training to EPCOG Planner on the development and writing of a planning grant for a community.
- Provided small group and individual training on the RPO process to newly elected and newly appointed officials and others in Jal, Lovington, Roswell, Corona, Tatum, and Lincoln and Chaves Counties.
- Met with Village of Loving, their attorney, farm owner, and Interstates Streams staff regarding an issue on land for the Village waste water treatment plant.
- Conducted mailing for appointments and reappointments to the SERPO Technical and Policy Committees.
- Attended the Annual Colonias Initiative Workshop
- Provided Safe Route to School Training in Chaves County

REVIEW AND COMMENT

The District prepared nine E.O. 12372 letters of review and comment during this quarter. E.O. 12372 letters of review are prepared for applicants seeking federal funding assistance for programs or projects having an impact on localities in New Mexico, especially in our five county region.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- Participated in NewMARC and the NMORR in numerous meetings to define the role the SNMEDD and other COGs can and will play in the State of New Mexico with the President's Economic Stimulus Program.
- Participated in NewMARC meeting to develop New Mexico's role in the upcoming SWREDA Conference in Santa Fe, role in assisting State with Energy Efficiency Block Grants, and RPO functions in the future.
- Attended and participated at the NADO Annual Policy and Summer Board meeting in Whitefish, Montana
- Participated in the Southeastern New Mexico Community Action Council Board Meeting.
- Prepared draft "Fee Service Schedule" for review by the Board of Directors.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Conducted site visits to CDBG projects administered by the SNMEDD.
- Completed work on FY 2009-10 Annual Work Program and Operating Budget for the SNMEDD/COG and SERPO.

- Participated with providing an informational booth for the New Mexico Regional Planning Organizations at the New Mexico Association of Counties Annual Conference in Hobbs.
- Worked with SERPO members on providing a regional list of bicycle/pedestrian/trail projects to the NM DOT District 2 Office.
- Met with DFA Budget Bureau staff regarding the audits for Hagerman and Lake Arthur.
- Attended regular meeting of the Chaves County Economic Development Foundation.
- Attended city, town, village council and county commission meetings throughout the District to keep abreast of what is happening in our communities and in some cases to provide on the spot technical assistance.
- Submitted the Quarterly reports to DFA in a timely manner.

TRANSITIONS

- Congratulations to Village of Hope Lora Crumrine on being named the 2009 New Mexico Municipal League Clerk of the Year.
- Congratulations to Hobbs City Councilman Joe Calderon for his recent re-election as the New Mexico Municipal League District 5 Alternate Director.
- Congratulations to Mayor Matt White of Eunice for his recent re-election to the New Mexico Municipal League District 5 Director's position.

- Congratulations to Eddy County Assessor Karen Robinson for her recent election by the New Mexico Association of Counties to represent District VI on their Executive Committee.
- Congratulations to Chaves County Rhoda Coakley for her recent election to serve on the New Mexico Association of Counties Board of Directors. Karen Robinson- Eddy County Assessor, Beverly Calaway-Lincoln County Treasurer, Grace Gonzalez-Otero County Treasurer and Lea County Assessor Dee Robinson will join Rhoda to the NMACo Board of Directors.
- Our prayers are with Rick Bruce a former Lea County Manager and SNMEDD Board Member who was recently diagnosed with cancer.