

**2024 NM
ENERGY**
POLICY SYMPOSIUM

September 12 and 13, 2024

Santa Claran Hotel Casino | Española, New Mexico

460 N Riverside Dr, Española, NM 87532

Hosted by Representative Tara Lujan and Vida Mejor Capital



EVENT AGENDA

Thursday, September 12:

7:00AM - 8:00AM

Registration & Networking

8:00AM - 8:15AM

Opening Prayer & Welcome Remarks

Lt. Governor Charles Sisneros, Santa Clara Pueblo • Representative Tara Lujan • Scott Lopez, Vida Mejor Capital • John Ramon Vigil, Mayor of Espanola

8:15AM - 8:45AM

New Mexico Energy Policy - Legislative Perspective

This discussion will cover critical topics including the ETA, Clean Fuels Act, Clean Car Act, net zero goals, decarbonization strategies, energy efficiency measures, and the development of EV charging programs, providing an in-depth look at how these initiatives are shaping our state's energy landscape.

Presenters:

Representative Matthew McQueen, Senator Pat Woods, Senator Shannon Pinto

8:45AM - 9:35AM

New Mexico Energy Policy State of Affairs - Where Are We With NM's Energy Transition?

Explore the current status and progress of New Mexico's energy transition as experts provide a comprehensive update on key developments, challenges, and opportunities shaping the state's shift towards a sustainable energy future.

Moderator: Cabinet Secretary Ricky Serna, NMDOT

Panelist: Laura Sanchez, Executive Director Government & Public Affairs, PNM

Panelist: Charise Swanson, NMRECA

Panelist: Zoe Lees, Xcel Energy

Panelist: Charlie Ferrell, GM JANPA

9:45AM - 10:20AM

Developer Insights: Navigating New Mexico's Energy Evolution

Gain valuable perspectives from industry developers as they discuss the practical challenges and opportunities in New Mexico's energy transition. This panel will highlight how recent policies and market trends are impacting development projects and shaping the future of sustainable energy in the state.

Moderator: Scott Lopez, Vida Mejor Capital

Panelist: Varner Seaman, Pattern Energy

Panelist: Erik Aaboe, RETA

Panelist: Christian Isley, Chevron

Panelist: Jerry Valdez, NMDOT

10:20AM - 10:40AM
Networking & Coffee Break

10:45AM - 11:45AM

Tribal Energy Innovation: Updates and Opportunities

Discover the latest advancements and initiatives in tribal energy projects as we explore how tribal communities are leading the way in sustainable energy solutions. This panel will provide insights into the unique challenges and successes of tribal energy efforts, showcasing the critical role they play in New Mexico's energy landscape.

Moderator: Secretary Monette, IAD & Rep. Andrea Romero

Panelist: Charlie Ferrell, GM JANPA

Panelist: Walter Haase, GM Navajo Tribal Utility Authority

Panelist: Governor Craig Quanchello, Pueblo of Picuris

Panelist: Matthew Gonzales, Vice President Four Corners Clean Energy Alliance

11:45AM - 12:00PM

Buffet Lunch

12:00PM - 1:00PM

NM Energy Policy Best Practices - Keynote Speaker

Sponsored by NMOGA, our lunch keynote features Benji Backer - "the Conservative Environmentalist"

Introduction & Comments: Speaker of the House Javier Martinez

Keynote Speaker: Benji Backer

1:00PM - 1:15PM

Transition & Coffee Break

1:15PM - 2PM

Frontiers in Energy: Advancements in Cutting-Edge Technologies

Stay informed on the latest breakthroughs and innovations in energy technologies, as experts provide updates on cutting-edge developments that are driving the future of energy efficiency and sustainability. This panel will highlight emerging technologies and their potential impacts on New Mexico's energy landscape.

Moderator: Michael Barrio, Advanced Energy United

Panelist: Jennifer Raney, New Mexico Tech

Panelist: Kevin John, Los Alamos National Laboratory

Panelist: Chris Schwarz, Urenco USA

Panelist: Luis Reyes, Kit Carson, Electric Cooperative

2PM - 2:30PM

Economic Outlook for New Mexico

Dr. Reilly White, University of New Mexico

2:30PM - 3:40PM

Crafting an Economic and Environmentally Friendly Energy Strategy

Delve into strategies for developing an energy framework that supports economic growth while prioritizing environmental sustainability. This session will explore how to create a balanced approach that drives innovation and efficiency, benefiting both the economy and the environment.

Moderators: Rob Black, incoming Cabinet Secretary, NMEDD

Panelist: Andrea Felix, NMOGA

Panelist: Jerry Schalow, Rio Rancho Chamber of Commerce

Panelist: Adam Harper, Board Chair, REIA-NM

3:40PM - 3:55PM

Networking & Coffee Break

4:00PM - 4:35PM

Integrating Water and Energy Strategies in New Mexico

Examine the critical intersection of water and energy management in New Mexico as experts discuss strategies for balancing resource use and promoting sustainable practices. This panel will address how coordinated approaches can enhance both water conservation and energy efficiency across the state.

Moderator: Rep. Susan Herrera

Panelist: Mike Hightower, Sandia National Laboratory

Panelist: Glenn Schiffbauer, Santa Fe Green Chamber of Commerce

Panelist: Mike Hammon, former New Mexico State Engineer

Panelist: Paula Garcia, New Mexico Acequia Association

4:40PM - 5:15PM

New Mexico Workforce Development: Updates and Future Directions

Get the latest updates on workforce development initiatives in New Mexico as experts discuss efforts to enhance skills and training for the evolving energy sector. This panel will highlight new programs, partnerships, and strategies designed to prepare the workforce for emerging opportunities in the energy industry.

Moderators: Raquel Gomez, Department of Workforce Solutions & Hector Balderas, Northern New Mexico Community College

Panelist: Marcela Diaz, Somos Un Pueblo Unido

Panelist: Craig Williams, San Juan College

Panelist: Erin Johnson-Kruft, Central New Mexico College

Panelist: Adam Begaye, Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute

5:15PM - 5:30PM

Closing Remarks: Representative Tara Lujan and Representative Tentative Lt. Gov

Friday, September 13:

7:00AM - 8:00AM

Networking Breakfast

8:00AM - 8:30AM

Welcome Remarks

Representative Tara Lujan

Scott Lopez, Vida Mejor Capital

Representative Derrick Lente

8:30AM - 9:00AM

2024 Policy Updates

Moderator: Charles Goodmacher

Presenter: Senator Sedillo Lopez

Presenter: Santa Fe County Commissioner Anna Hansen

9:00AM - 9:45AM

Local, State, and National Policy Coordination: Aligning Energy Goals

Explore the alignment of state and national energy policies as experts discuss strategies for effective coordination between local and federal initiatives. This panel will examine how synchronized policies can enhance energy resilience, drive innovation, and address climate goals across different levels of government.

Moderator: Representative Matthew McQueen

Panelist: Edward Cabet-Tubero, Senator Martin Heinrich

Panelist: State Land Commissioner Stephanie Garcia Richard

Panelist: Rebecca Roose, State of New Mexico

Panelist: Priscilla Lucero, SWCOG

9:45AM - 10:20AM

Regulatory Perspective

Gain insights into the regulatory landscape affecting New Mexico's energy sector as experts discuss the challenges and opportunities in policy implementation and compliance. This panel will provide an overview of current regulations and their impact on industry practices, innovation, and sustainability.

Moderator: Representative Tara Lujan

Panelist: Commissioner Aguilera, PRC

Panelist: Lynn Mostoller, RETA

Panelist: Representative, NextEra

10:20AM - 10:45AM

Featured Speaker - Secretary Melanie Kenderdine

The Secretary will provide remarks regarding New Mexico's 10-year energy strategy.

10:45AM - 10:55AM

Networking & Coffee Break

11:00AM - 11:45AM

Open Remarks / Q&A

11:45AM - Close

Closing Remarks + Farewell

Senator Martin Heinrich (virtual) • Lt. Governor Howie Morales • Representative Tara Lujan
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