

New Mexico Food and Fitness Policy Database



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Introduction and Acknowledgments

Welcome to the New Mexico Food and Fitness Policy Database!

This document was created by Farm to Table at the request of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation as part of their honorable work towards a “future food system that provides all segments of society, especially those most vulnerable, with a safe and nutritious food supply, grown in a manner that protects health and the environment, and adds economic and social value to rural and urban communities.” At Farm to Table, as an organization whose mission is to help develop and promote understanding about the links among farming, food, health, environment and local economies, we saw this project as an opportunity to start a statewide dialog among organizations working in diverse but related fields about those connections. We hope that this dialog can help all of the organizations doing this work to be more strategic and successful in finding ways to impact policies that affect our communities.

In the process of creating this database, the strength of New Mexico's civil society's commitment to bringing about change for all our communities was clearly affirmed. Though our state has many needs to fill and difficulties to overcome, there is an impressive cadre of organizations working to improve the lives of New Mexicans, especially the underserved, and to preserve our beautiful land. We know that we did not begin to uncover all of the organizations involved in this effort and while we strove to make this database as comprehensive as possible, we know that it is still incomplete. We have attempted to include as many statewide players in the policy realm as possible as well as a representation of organizations working primarily at the local level.

If an organization is not listed in the database, it does not mean we do not value their work. It only means that either we did not perceive them to be doing policy work or that we did not come to know of them in time to include them in the database. If you read this document and represent an organization that did not get listed, please contact us at Farm to Table and we will send out an addendum to the database. We have included an additional list of organizations that we think are doing work on issues related to food and fitness that do not have a full entry in the database.

The database is arranged by category. Many organizations cross sectors, so we have also provided an alphabetical list of organizations, what category/categories they fall into, and the page on which their full entry is found. We hope it will serve you well.

We would like to thank the Kellogg Foundation for the opportunity to undertake this project and for their commitment to New Mexico. We are also very grateful to all the organizations who gave us their time and willingness to be included in this database and to the New Mexico Community Foundation for providing guidance in our efforts.

If you have questions, concerns or comments about this document please contact Farm to Table at info@farmtotablenm.org.

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GUIDE TO TOPIC ABBREVIATIONS:**FAS: Food and Agriculture Systems****HFN: Health, Physical Fitness and Nutrition****HP: Hunger and Poverty****EEJ: EnvironMent and EnvironMental Justice****CED: Community and Economic Development****AD: Asset Development****TCP: Transportation and Community Planning**

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY	TOPIC(S) OF WORK	PRIMARY LOCATION OF WORK	PAGE
1000 FRIENDS OF NM	HFN, TCP, CED	ALBUQUERQUE/STATEWIDE	137
ACTION FOR HEALTHY KIDS	HFN	STATEWIDE	27
AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION	HFN, TCP, CED	STATEWIDE	23
AMIGOS BRAVOS	EEJ	STATEWIDE	61
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CENTER FOR CIVIC POLICY	CED, EEJ, HP	STATEWIDE	18
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HEALTHIER WEIGHT COUNCIL	HFN	STATEWIDE	30
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NM FARM & LIVESTOCK BUREAU	FAS	STATEWIDE	16
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NM FIRST	CED, TCP, EEJ	STATEWIDE	119
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NM HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION	HFN	STATEWIDE	32
NM LAND CONSERVANCY	EEJ, TCP	STATEWIDE	75
NM PEDIATRIC SOCIETY	HFN	STATEWIDE	40
NM PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOC	HFN	STATEWIDE	45
NM SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION	HFN	STATEWIDE	33
NM VOICES FOR CHILDREN	HP, CED	STATEWIDE	49
NMDOT-SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM	HFN, CED, TCP	STATEWIDE	135
NORTH CENTRAL NM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT	EEJ, TCP	NORTH CENTRAL NEW MEXICO	117
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PNM RESOURCES FOUNDATION	CED, HP	STATEWIDE	107
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THINK NEW MEXICO	EEJ, CED, AD	STATEWIDE	110
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FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SYSTEMS

New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council

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Mission and Constituents:

The purpose of the Policy Council is to:

- Broaden the discussion of issues to examine more comprehensively the food and agriculture systems and how federal, state and local government and public bodies shape the food system.
- Create a forum in which the public in conjunction with institutions involved in food and agricultural systems, including government, can meet to learn more about what each one does and consider how their actions impact other parts of these systems..
- Advocate for selected food and agricultural policy issues in various forums and venues, with a focus on food access, production, distribution, and consumption issues.
- Help to create a safe, nutritious, affordable and adequate food supply for all New Mexicans that will prevent food insecurity and hunger.
- Strive for fair food and agricultural systems that supports the economic, cultural, environmental and social needs of both producers and consumers.

The NM Food and Agriculture Policy Council is made up of organizations, agencies, and individuals from many sectors including agriculture, health, human and social services, food related businesses and organizations, environment, education, economics, nutrition, transportation, and legal. Meetings are generally held quarterly and are open to all interested parties.

Advocate at: state and national levels.

Current Priorities:

The Policy Council is still developing its priorities for the year. Our priorities for the 2008 legislative session were:

- **Healthy Kids/Healthy Economy:** This project would provide school children statewide with an addition of two servings of fresh fruits and vegetables in school meals weekly throughout the school year using New Mexico grown produce when available. This is economic development for New Mexico's farming families and provides healthy options for children.

- **Closing New Mexico's Food Gap Initiative**, Support initiatives to increase access to nutritious, affordable, and culturally significant foods in rural and underserved NM communities. It includes a proposal to support the development of a Healthy Food Initiative Board that will develop recommendations and a plan to initiate or enhance food outlets and transportation systems in underserved areas – both rural and urban to increase access for New Mexicans to healthy and affordable food. Additionally, Board will develop a Trust Fund of public and private sector funds to invest in initiatives.
- **NM Farmers' Market Nutrition Enhancement Program**: This program provides low-income residents and seniors with food coupons to purchase fresh, locally-grown fruits and vegetables at more than 25 New Mexico farmers' markets. The program will help low-income seniors and residents who receive commodities as well as hundreds of farmers who sell at these markets.
- **Tribal Cooperative Extension**: This priority seeks to expand the development of five Tribal Centers focusing on agriculture, health, natural resources and intercultural youth education (2007 legislature provided funding for two positions for Crownpoint and Shiprock). Funds would provide for five Cooperative Extension agents and services focuses specifically on Tribal community needs. Five communities include: Shiprock, Crownpoint, Laguna/Acoma area, Five Sandoval Indian Pueblos, and Eight Northern Pueblos to serve these and surrounds Tribal communities.
- **Small Farm Institute**: To expand the Small Farm Institute Program initiated with 2007 legislative funding New Mexico State University School of Agriculture.
- **Food Banks buying NM Agriculture Products**: Support for the specific purchase of New Mexico produced fresh and processed foods to be provided to all New Mexico food bank programs including the *Food for Kids* backpack program.
- Support **Land, Wildlife and Clean Energy Act** sponsored by Representative Michael Sanchez and Energy & Minerals Department in 2007 session. Initially funded through Governor's budget.

The Policy Council also advocates at the national level for titles in the farm bill that support health, nutrition, small and medium-sized agricultural producers, and land conservation.

Successes:

The Policy Council has had a number of legislative successes over the years. Most recently we secured funding for Tribal Cooperative Extension, land conservation and the Farmers Market Nutrition Enhancement Program. Last year we obtained funding for a pilot Healthy Kids, Healthy Economies project in the Albuquerque area as well as the initiation of the Small Farm Institute. We have also achieved major changes in competitive food rules which eliminated junk foods from school vending machines, concession stands and fundraisers. All of our successes and those yet to be achieved come from the collaborative energy created by the diverse participants on the council.

Challenges:

This year many of our bills got derailed due to political issues that we had no control over. We are also at a point where the state budget is not expected to grow as it did in the past, making it harder and harder to get funding for the very important projects we promote.

Associated 501(c)4?: No.

Partners:

The many organizations that send representatives to the Policy Council are amazing and diverse partners. We also work with the Southwest Marketing Network and the Policy Outpost at the regional level and the Community Food Security Coalition and other organizations advocating for a just Farm Bill.

Allies:

We have a number of great allies in the state legislature including but not limited to Senator Campos, Representative King, Senator Ortiz y Pino, Senator Feldman, Representative Moore, Senator Beffort, Senator Lovejoy and Representative Begay, Senator Lopez, and others. Senator Bingaman and Representative Udall have also been our allies at the federal level. We also have a number of executive agencies represented on the Council including the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, Aging and Long-Term Services, Human Services—Income Support Division, Department of Health and others.

Future Partners: We are very interested in doing strategic planning and collaborative work with organizations in many areas.

Rio Grande Agricultural Land Trust

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Contact Person: Cecilia Rosacker-McCord

Mission & Constituents:

RGALT's goal is to protect New Mexico's natural resources and rural quality of life for the five New Mexico counties of Bernalillo, Sandoval, Sierra, Socorro and Valencia. RGALT is made up of farmers who live in the Middle Rio Grande Valley and are dedicated to the preservation of working farms, ranches, wildlife habitat and open space.

Advocate at: local, regional, statewide and national levels.

Current Priorities:

We are always working to educate farmers and policymakers on the use of conservation easements as a tool to conserve agricultural land. We are also working on trying to get more federal dollars from the Farm and Ranchland protection program into New Mexico for land conservation. Last year we only got \$250,000 while Colorado is getting millions.

Successes: We have been working with a diverse group of interests to get funding for the Land, Wildlife and Clean Energy bill. We have achieved statewide funding for the past two years which has been used for eight conservation easements. Several of those were for agricultural land and the rest for habitat restoration.

We also got HB 990 passed which creates a tax credit for conservation easements. This has really helped to provide a financial incentive for landowners to voluntarily put their land into conservation.

Finally, through our educational outreach to the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, we have been able to get them on board. Because we're focused on agricultural land, unlike other conservancy groups, we were able to show them that their constituents want easements. NMDA has agreed to be a co-holder on easements and is using its connection with local soil and water groups to spread information to farmers about easements.

Challenges: It has been hard to get the community to support conservation financially. We have been working with Bernalillo County and others to try to get policymakers to give conservations more than lipservice and put their money where their mouth is. We work in very poor communities and people need financial incentives to put their land into conservation.

Associated 501(c)4?: No.

Resources

Our primary resource is our knowledge of conservation and ability to communicate with the agricultural community. Our board is made up of farmers. That's important for farmers because they know we understand their reality. I'm part-time and our board is volunteer, but we all work a lot. We also have extensive experience and dedication to outreach.

Partners

New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council
Friends of Bosque Taskforce
Socorro Soil and Water Conserv. District
Historic Tome Neighborhood Association
Alan Hamilton and Rio Grande Return
Save our Bosque
National Alliance of Wetlands NAWCA

Diverse group of energy and environmental groups that worked on the Land, Wildlife and Clean Energy bill

Allies

NM Energy, Mineral and Natural Resources Department
NM Department of Agriculture

Are you interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives?
Yes.

NM Dairy Producers

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Contact Person: Sharon Lombardi, Executive Director

Mission and Constituents:

The purpose of DPNM is to enhance the existing NM dairy industry.

Advocate at: local, regional, statewide and national levels.

Current Priorities:

- Milk marketing issues on the federal level—the federal government regulates milk prices.
- Immigration issues
- The Farm Bill dairy title
- Anything that impacts a small business like taxation and health care. We're all family owned businesses.

Successes:

Our most recent success was that in the 2007 session we got an exemption on gross receipts tax for veterinary services on cattle.

Challenges:

There are always challenges in the policy realm. One key issue for us is that we know we need to protect our environment and as dairy producers we try to do that. We need to make sure that environmental regulations are effective but still allow us to do our work

Associate 501(c)4?: yes.

Resources: We have a vast knowledge of our industry.

Partners: We partner with all agricultural interests because the issues are so interrelated. We'll work with any other like-minded groups, even the Sierra Club. At the national level we participate in the Milk Producers Federation.

Allies: We are friendly with all of the agencies.

Coalitions: We are part of some informal coalitions and a national agricultural coalition for immigration reform.

Are you interested in strategic planning with new/old partners for policy initiatives? Yes.

Mid-Region Council of Governments' Agriculture Collaborative

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Website: www.mrcog-nm.gov or www.localfoodnm.org

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Contact Person: Ann Simon

Mission: To identify the current and potential contributions of agriculture to the local economy; and to establish a regional forum to address relevant conditions (i.e., market, political, technical, and environmental) with appropriate tools necessary, including public outreach and education, to achieve the maximum economic potential of local agriculture.

Goals:

- Maintain a regional forum for discussing and resolving local food and agricultural issues
- Focus on developing new or more accessible markets for local agricultural products
- Promote and support local growers' markets
- Promote and support a consistent supply of local agricultural products
- Preserve and protect agricultural lands in the region
- Seek and obtain funding to achieve the long range goals of the Collaborative

Constituents/Collaborative Members: citizens, growers, farmers, producers, food processors, food buyers, representatives from government agencies, agricultural organizations, retail operations and manufacturing companies, scientists, professors, community activists, and economic development specialists.

Advocate at: regional level.

Current Priorities:

Promoting local foods through an event, the 2008 Local Food Festival and Field Day; ongoing blogs on timely topics at www.localfoodnm.org; development of a “map” (e-version and hard copy) of local foods; and hosting a monthly meeting on topics related to keeping land in agricultural production and generally supporting the production of food and agriculture in the region.

Not a policy advocate per se but rather a forum for raising issues and awareness. However, the Executive Director of the Mid-Region Council of Governments has, on behalf of the members of the COG, sent letters advocating positions on various agriculture-related legislation (federal and state). In addition, the COG Board of Directors includes agriculture-related goals in its annual list of state legislative priorities.

Associated 501(c)4?: No.

Resources:

Connections with news media, ability to send issue alerts to constituents, access to elected officials/decision-makers.

Partners and Allies:

Citizens, growers, farmers, producers, food processors, food buyers, representatives from government agencies, agricultural organizations, retail operations and manufacturing companies, scientists, professors, community activists, and economic development specialists.

Coalitions: Alliance for a Carbon-neutral Food Shed

New Partners:

Has your organization considered working with partners in a different field? Sure.

Are you interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives?

Yes

New Mexico Farmers Marketing Association

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Email Address: dmiller@farmersmarketsnm.org

Website: www.farmersmarketsnm.org

Mission and Constituents:

The mission of the New Mexico Farmers' Marketing Association is to assist farmers across the state stay on their land and farm. By supporting the growth and development of farmers' markets and other direct marketing avenues, the Association helps farmers receive the best possible prices for their products. The Association supports the development of new markets and the growth of existing markets through assistance with organizational development, coordination of nutrition programs, and developing revenue streams to help markets become self-sustaining. The Association also advocates for policies that will help the customer base expand, and which will ultimately help create healthy New Mexico communities interested in eating fresh, locally grown food. Our primary constituents are our member farmers markets, but we also serve the farming community and the community at large by promoting farmers markets as a place to obtain fresh, healthy foods that support the local economy.

Advocate at: statewide level.

Current Priorities: Working to secure state funding for a Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program and implementation of an EBT program for food stamp recipients at markets across the state. The Association represents the markets with a strong unified voice at the state legislature.

Successes: Working in conjunction with the New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council, the New Mexico Farmers' Marketing Association secured funding for the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program in both 2007 and 2008 legislative sessions. We have also gotten the Income Support Division and the Department of Health to provide EBT machines at participating farmers markets. Additionally, the Association received a grant in 2006 from USDA for the Farmers' Market Promotion Program.

Associated 501(c)4?: No.

Partners: We participate in the New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council and collaborate with a number of national organizations including the National Association of Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs, the Community Food Security Coalition and the North American Farmers' Direct Marketing Association. In addition, we work closely with the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, the New Mexico Department of Health, New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service, the New Mexico Tribal Extension Task Force, New Mexico Human Service Department, New Mexico Aging & Long-Term Services Department, the New Mexico Environment Department, the New Mexico Healthier Weight Coalition, and others.

Allies in Government: We receive base funding from the New Mexico Department of Agriculture in order to promote and develop our markets. We also partner with the New Mexico Economic Development Department, to help markets with advertising, with the New Mexico Department of Health for WIC and Senior Nutrition Programs, the New Mexico Department of Aging & Long-Term Services on our Senior Nutrition Program, and others.

New Partners: Yes, we are interested in working with new and old partners in advocacy. Additional allies in fighting hunger and promoting healthy eating are welcome. We are involved in strategic planning around policy issues through our close association with the New Mexico Food and Agricultural Policy Council, and are always interested in strengthening our resources that can be invested in policy issues and planning.

New Mexico Chile Growers Association

Phone: (575) 642-4767

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Email Address: info@nmchileassociation.org

Website: www.nmchileassociation.com

Mission and Constituents:

The mission of the New Mexico Chile Association is to help create an environment in the New Mexico region that reinstates us as the world leader in chile production, processing, and innovations. The New Mexico Chile Association is a non-profit organization composed of growers and producers who are fighting to ensure the \$325million, 4000 employee chile industry remains and prospers in New Mexico.

Advocate at: state and federal level.

Current Priorities:

- Work with state and federal officials to obtain funding to automate key manual processes prevalent in our industry including harvesting, cleaning, de-stemming, and peeling of chile.
- Establish and direct research that meets our industry's needs.
- Lobby for laws that work for our industry regarding issues like: Minimum wage, immigration, grading standards, free trade issues and regulation.
- Publicize the importance of our industry and the help we need to survive & thrive
- Serve as a resource to industry members to provide information they can use.
- Provide benefits specific to industry members.
- Encourage the use of New Mexico chile by consumers.

- Coordinate our activities with the NM Chile Commission and the Chile Institute to maximize the influence and effectiveness of the chile industry.
 - Assist industry members in remaining competitive and making money.
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New Mexico Cattle Growers Association

Name of Organization: New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association

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Mission & Constituents:

The Association is organized are to advance and protect the cattle industry of New Mexico, work toward solutions of cattle industry problems, promote the well being of the industry, provide an official and united voice on issues of importance to the cattle producers and feeders, and to create and maintain an economic climate that will provide members of the Association the opportunity to obtain optimum return on their investments within the free enterprise system. NMCGA has members in all 33 of the state's counties as well as some 14 other states.

Advocate at: all levels.

Current Priorities:

NMCGA is currently working on near 20 issues including but not limited to private property and water rights; animal health and trade issues; wildlife and endangered species; federal and state land use and management; surface owner protection in the fact of expanded energy exploration and production; rural health care; taxes; and more. These issues are addressed in the appropriate arena, be that regulatory, legislative, administrative or litigation.

Successes and Challenges:

In 2007 NMCGA was a driver in the passage of the Surface Owner Protection Act, which is hailed as the strong of its' kind in the nation. The Association works continuously on the wide variety of issues, which present an equal variety of challenges. The fact that our membership continues to be able to stay on the land is a tribute to the success of the organization.

Associated 501(c)4?: No.

Resources: We have connections with the media, a strong volunteer base and research capabilities.

Partners: We work with a large group of associations, business and individuals who are involved with specific issues that we are addressing.

Allies: NMCGA works with numerous legislators and administrative agencies

Coalitions: NMCGA is a part of many coalitions--too numerous to list.

New Partners: NMCGA is interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives.

New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau

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Contact Person: Cecilia Abeyta

Mission and Constituents:

The New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau is a free, independent, nongovernmental and voluntary organization of farm and ranch families united for the purpose of analyzing agricultural problems and formulating action to achieve educational awareness and social advancement, and thereby, to promote the national well-being.

The Farm Bureau is non-partisan and is local, statewide, national and international in its scope and influence.

Santa Fe Food Policy Council

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Contact Person: Sherry Hooper

Mission:

The Santa Fe Food Policy Council was created through a joint resolution between the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County so to ensure that a wide variety of safe and nutritious food is available to all city and county residents, not limited by economic status, location, or other factors beyond a resident's control. It also seeks to ensure that the region maintains the natural resources, land base, infrastructure and skill sets that are necessary to produce food and that all reasonable efforts are taken to improve the incomes and decrease the needs of those who are most susceptible to food insecurity.

Constituents:

The Council is still being formed, but will be composed of representatives from city and council government as well as non-profit organizations and social service providers. It serves all Santa Fe city and county residents.

Current Priorities:

- Monitor the availability, price and quality of food throughout Santa Fe County.
- Collect data on the food security and nutritional status of Santa Fe residents.
- Inform City and County policy makers, administrators and the public-at-large about the status of the region's food system.
- Monitor and analyze the administration of City and County food and nutrition programs.
- Explore new means for City and County governments to improve the food economy, as well as the availability, accessibility and quality of food.
- Recommend to and assist the City and County administrations with adoption of measures that will improve existing and add new programs, projects, regulations or services in the following areas: transportation, direct provision of food, land and building use, referrals to social services, education, business development, direct and indirect purchase of food, support of private efforts, emergency food supplies and monitoring and communicating data.

Successes: Getting the Santa Fe Food Policy Council resolution passed.

Partners: Food Depot, Kitchen Angels, Farm to Table, Community Food Security coalition.

Allies: City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County.

New Partners: As a new organization we are very interested in new collaborations and strategic planning on policy issues.

Center for Civic Policy

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Contact Person: Matt Brix

Mission & Constituents:

The Center for Civic Policy's mission is to increase civic engagement among traditionally disenfranchised communities in New Mexico. Our strategy to accomplish this mission is to help build an infrastructure that will sustain civic engagement in New Mexico.

Advocate at: local, regional and statewide levels.

Current Priorities: The Center for Civic Policy works to increase civic engagement around four policy issues; ethics in government, health care, food policy and the environment.

Successes: Assisted in implementing the Albuquerque public financing system, assisted in passing a referendum to bring public financing to Santa Fe, assisted in training emerging leaders.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010:

Public financing of statewide campaigns, campaign contribution limits, independent ethics commission.

Associate 501(c)4?: Yes.

Resources: We can offer policy research, media connections, communications experience, strategic planning and organizational development.

Partners: Depending on the particular policy issue, we have a number of community/advocacy organizations with whom we partner in our activities.

Allies: both legislative and executive.

New Partners:

Has your organization considered working with partners in a different field? Doing....?

Yes.

Are you interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives?

Not at this time.

New Mexico Acequia Association

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Mission & Constituents

The New Mexico Acequia Association is a statewide, grassroots organization of acequias, the centuries-old communal irrigation systems that formed the basis for settlement of the historic Indo-Hispano communities of the state. Our mission is to sustain our way of life by protecting water as a community resource and by strengthening the farming and ranching traditions of our families and communities. Acequias are located statewide but are concentrated in north central New Mexico in counties that have some of the highest rates of rural poverty in the state in addition to having the highest percentages of Hispanic population. The NMAA is governed by the Congreso de las Acequias which is a federation of regional delegations from over twenty regions of the state which altogether represent over 500 acequias and thousands of families.

Advocate at: local, regional, statewide and national levels.

Current Priorities

The New Mexico Acequia Association has three major programs:

- **Agua es Vida Campaign:** The purpose of this campaign is to challenge the economic and political forces driving the commodification of water locally and globally. We believe that water is a “don divino” or divine gift that must be treated with respect and reverence. We are cultivating community and youth leaders as well as allies around our Agua es Vida declaration. NMAA is deeply involved in state water policy and has worked to secure recognition of local water governance powers of acequias.
- **Water Governance:** The purpose of this program is to strengthen local water governance through community education, legal assistance, and community organizing. NMAA provides assistance with water rights education, acequia bylaws, easements, and infrastructure planning. We are leading a statewide effort to reinvest in the vast irrigation works of the acequia system in New Mexico.
- **Sembrando Semillas:** The purpose of this project is to increase the cultivation of foods that are spiritually and culturally meaningful to our communities through intergenerational community food projects in New Mexico and Southern Colorado. Through this project we also engage in policy advocacy to increase the availability of educational and financial resources to traditional farmers, to support investment in regional food processing infrastructure, and to protect agricultural farmland and water.

Successes:

- Since the late 1990's the NMAA emerged as a critical voice on water policy in New Mexico. We were a leading voice in challenging the commodification of water in New Mexico and helped to shift the debate at the state level regarding water transfers out of historic agricultural communities. Between 2001 and 2006, with the support of legislative leadership, the NMAA was instrumental in the passage of legislation strengthening acequia governance during every legislative session. In 2003, we helped to pass legislation of historic significance to acequias which strengthened their water management powers and local self-governance.
- In recent years, NMAA has assisted over 150 acequias with requests for state and federal funding totaling millions of dollars. We have also secured recurring funding in the state budget for governance training for acequias and legal defense in adjudication.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010

- Prevent expedited water markets through administrative regulations of the State Engineer through Active Water Resource Management
- Ensure accountability for water quality enforcement
- Secure statewide investment in acequia irrigation works infrastructure
- Increase funding for acequia legal defense in adjudication
- Create a farmer education program
- Pursue feasibility studies for certain types of food processing infrastructure and value chain development
- Acquire state funding for youth development through agricultural education

Associated 501(c) 4 ? : No**Resources**

Water law expertise
 Relationships with universities
 Grassroots volunteers for mobilization
 Relationships with legislative leadership

Partners

Thirteen Regional Associations of Acequias (Taos, Mora, South Valley, Embudo, Rio Gallinas, Alcalde, Gallina/Capulin, Acequias Nortenas, Upper Hondo Valley, Rio Chama, Rio Santa Cruz, Rio Pojoaque, Rio San Jose)

Over 500 acequias throughout New Mexico

Traditional Native American Farmers' Association

Honor Our Pueblo Existence

Tewa Women United

Somos Un Pueblo Unido

New Mexico State University

Quivira Coalition

American Friends Service Committee

Santa Fe Farmers' Market

Santa Fe Farmers' Market Institute

Northern New Mexico Stockmans' Association

New Mexico Land Grant Consejo

Northern New Mexico College:

SOSTENGA

Institute of American Indian Arts

Health Action New Mexico
Santa Fe Living Wage Network
New Mexico Highlands University
ENLACE
GEAR UP
Taos County Economic Development Corporation
Amigos Bravos
Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety
Embudo Valley Monitoring Group
University of New Mexico: Southwest
Hispanic Research Institute

Ben Lujan Leadership and Public Policy Institute
Partnership for Earth Spirituality
Greater Chimayo Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association
Alcalde MDWCA
El Rito MDWCA
Chamita MDWCA
Rio Arriba County
New Mexico Rural Water Association

Coalitions

New Mexico Food and Seed Sovereignty Alliance, Louie Hena, teszu@aol.com
Communities for Clean Water, Joni Arends, jarends@nuclearactive.org

Policy Agenda and Planning for 2010 and beyond:

- Funding for acequia infrastructure in New Mexico and Southern Colorado
- Farmer education and technical assistance programs and demonstration projects in New Mexico
- Programs to invest in young farmers through technical and financial assistance
- Farm Bill: Build alliances with small scale and minority farmers to pursue farm bill reform to direct more resources to traditional, new, and immigrant farmers
- Increase locally grown food served in public institutions in New Mexico

New Partners

Has your organization considered working with partners in a different field? Yes.
Are you interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives?
Depends.

HEALTH, PHYSICAL FITNESS AND NUTRITION

American Heart Association

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Mission: Building healthier lives free of cardiovascular disease and stroke.

Constituents: Volunteers who have been affected, or are family members of peoples that have been affected by heart disease. don't take government or foundation dollars. mostly work with the health community. The Association has two components—development and health strategies, both of work on public health issues. The development team works with cardiologists/hospitals to raise money for quality facilities. The health strategies team does scientific research and develops standards around prevention and care and is involved in advocacy.

Advocate at: Local, statewide and national levels.

Current Priorities

Local level:

- Physical education and nutritional standards in schools.
- Funding for diabetes control.
- Healthy eating.
- Addressing health disparities especially in tribal communities, including funding for Indian Health Services.
- Clean indoor air—funding for tobacco use and control.
- Cigarette excise taxes.
- Access to health care.
- Focus on women and heart disease.

Federal level:

- Fit Kids Act—adding P.E. to No Child Left Behind requirements.
- Stop Stroke Act—supports funding for research and treatment of stroke.
- Family Protection Act—supports FDA oversight of tobacco.
- Heart for Women Act: CDC funding for more education/treatment of heart disease, especially in women.
- Always advocate for more funding for NIH and CDC.

Successes & Challenges:

AHA has focused on primary prevention through education, outreach and grassroots organizing. They start by establishing relationships with the community around

education and then mobilize people to use their voice in a strategic way. They also identify members who have relationship with legislators and bring them on board.

A lot of AHA's successes have come from partnering with organizations and creating coalitions. But this requires prioritizing one or two issues to avoid spreading the coalition members too thin. Policy work involves patience; the community must be as educated as the legislators about the issue. When a policy objective fails, it's sometimes a success because it shows where the community is and helps an organization to learn from its mistakes.

Every policy effort is a challenge because there are always other good issues demanding attention and support.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010:

- AHA has already their first policy goal of reducing heart disease by 25% by 2010. Their work will now focus on health disparities. Such as the higher incidence of stroke in Hispanic women.
- START walking—creating incentives for businesses to encourage employees to walk, for example during small meetings.

Associated 501(c)4?: AHA does not yet have one, but it may be in the works at the national level.

Partners

- Healthier Weight Council
- Public Education Department and individual schools
- Chronic Disease Prevention Council
- Diabetes Advisory Council
- Stroke Advisory Committee
- Department of Health
- Hospitals and Healthcare Providers

Allies:

There are lots of legislators that have supported us including Representative Stewart, Senator Lopez, Representative Grubestic, Senator Carraro, and Senator Mcsorley.

County Health Councils

Each county is eligible to create a community health council. Funding is provided through grants from the New Mexico Department of Health/Public Health Division/Office of Health Promotion and Community Health Improvement in an effort to encourage

collaboration between local health groups in order to become more efficient, thus saving time, energy, and ultimately dollars.

County Health Councils are required to select at least two priorities, one of which must also be a priority of the New Mexico Department of Health. County Health Councils write and regularly update Community Health Profiles which helps them to pick strategic activities to meet their county's needs. County Health Councils do varying levels of policy work. We have included two health councils that are doing policy work around obesity, but many others are doing similar work. For more information about County Health Councils or to find one in your county, see the New Mexico Department of Health website at www.health.state.nm.us.

SCOPE Health Council

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Contact Person: Betty Jo McIntire

Mission: We will work together:

- to provide a method for community health decision making,
- to identify and prioritize health and safety needs,
- to establish and plan strategies for community health goals for the improvement of the health and quality of life in families and individuals of Socorro County.

Health does not just mean the physical wellbeing of the individual but refers to the social, economic, emotional, cultural and spiritual wellbeing of the community. Health is not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.

Constituents: SCOPE is made up of a number of different organizations concerned about health and well-being in Socorro county (see website for full list) as well as businesses, individuals and churches.

Advocate at: the local level.

Current Priorities:

SCOPE has four priorities, each of which has a working group:

1. Substance Abuse
2. Access to Care
3. Teen Pregnancy
4. Fitness and Nutrition

Successes & Challenges

The health council as a whole does not do much policy work, but the substance abuse taskforce is an advisory group to the county commission and as such has gotten two

ordinances passed. They achieved this by utilizing the fact that one of the members of the working group is a member of the city council.

The fitness and nutrition group has been hard to get people to rally around because obesity isn't seen as a problem. People see obesity as a norm. It has been hard to find programs and policies that are culturally appropriate. They were able to get funding from DOH to give mini-grants to organizations doing fitness programs and are trying to start a walk to wellness program.

Partners: SCOPE is going to start working with NMSU cooperative extension.

Interested in policy collaborations: The council as a whole probably would not take on any new collaborations, but individual working groups might.

Grant County Health Council

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Mission and Constituents: The Grant County Community Health Council is composed of 30 members, each of whom is an innovative leader in a sector of the community. The Health Council uses their combined political clout and extensive network of community contacts to funnel volunteer efforts and grant money to projects the community is in need of most

The overall mission of the Grant County CHC is to improve the quality of life of all Grant County residents.

Advocate at: local and statewide levels.

Current Priorities:

One of our current priorities is to raise fitness and nutrition levels of residents of Grant County. We are working on some specific programs including a "Great places to walk" brochure and a series of nutritional cooking shows with cooperative extension. We are also trying to coordinate local fitness and nutrition groups to increase their impact on policy creation. We are advocating for school nutrition policies at state and local level.

Another of our priorities is to bring sustainable economic development to Grant County. We are doing this through our community action team in housing which is looking at policy change like federal grants for first time home buyers (we've found that existing loans are not enough to buy houses). We have also helped to administer a \$300,000 grant to enhance economic development in our county.

Successes:

We have achieved some great successes in school nutrition and in educating the community about physical fitness. Both of our local school districts got rid of vending machines, started serving different kinds of food in cafeterias, and don't allow candy in concession stands. They have also changed their policy on school snacks, asking parents to bring in healthy snacks. All of these measures passed a year before similar measures were passed at the state level. We've also gotten the two school districts to put more information about fitness on their websites. The state did mandate that schools offer more physical education, but this was an unfunded mandate so it's been difficult to implement.

The key to our success was getting the buy-in of local prominent physicians and pediatricians who acted as our main advocates. We also got support from concerned citizens and businesses.

Associated 501(c)4: No.

Resources

We have a great community health improvement plan and a health and wellness plan. We also write a Grant County health profile which provides all the information organizations would need to write grants. We also have really good ties with the media. We have regular newscasters luncheons so they are informed about what's going on with health policy and programs.

Partners and Allies

We have representatives from 30 different sectors of community so we really represent the whole community. We also work with 75 other organizations in the community and do a lot of coordination among them.

We have lots of allies at the roundhouse and lots of buy-in from top public officials at the local level including the mayor, the city council and the county commission.

Coalitions:

- Local Collaborative
- Behavioral Health

NM Action for Healthy Kids

Website: <http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/>

The NM affiliate of AHFK does not have an office and the contact people change because the Steering Committee membership is volunteer, the best way to obtain current information is by checking the national website, and selecting New Mexico Team.

Mission & Constituents:

We are a national nonprofit organization dedicated to addressing the epidemic of overweight, undernourished and sedentary youth by focusing on changes in schools. We work in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to improve children's nutrition and increase physical activity, which will in turn improve their readiness to learn.

Our mission is to engage diverse organizations, leaders, and volunteers in actions that foster sound nutrition and good physical activity in children, youth, and schools.

Our goals are:

- To achieve systemic, sustainable changes of sound nutrition and good physical activity occur in all schools (implementation of Surgeon General's Call to Action)
- To engage schools, families, and communities in improving eating and physical activity patterns in youth
- Make Action for Healthy Kids the trusted, recognized authority and resource on creating health-promoting schools that support sound nutrition and good physical activity

We have approximately 250 members in New Mexico.

Advocate at: the local and national level.

Current Priorities and Policy Agenda: networking with schools to support their efforts in implementing wellness policy and environments. Our challenge is the implementation of a state-wide food and nutrition policy governed by the Dept. of Education

In the next few years we hope to increase physical activity and education standards in schools.

Associated 501(c)4: no.

Resources: AHFK members may be willing to volunteer their time to assist in various public education efforts.

Partners: Action for Healthy Kids works with a number of national organizations, as well as some local organizations. Please see http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/about_partner.php for a list of our Strategic Advisory Committee and other partners.

Do you have allies in government? Only in our name recognition.

Coalitions: we participate in the New Mexico Healthier Weight Council

Are you interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives?
Would depend on the relevancy to the organization's mission.

New Mexico Dietetic Association

Website: [Eatrightnm.org](http://eatrightnm.org)

Email: Email information for the current State Policy Representative can be found on our website: <http://eatrightnm.org/board.html>

Contact Person: State Policy Representative (currently Lauren Pickens) or current board President (see website post above).

New Mexico Dietetic Association Continued...

Mission & Constituents:

The New Mexico Dietetic Association (NMDA) is a state affiliate of the American Dietetic Association (ADA), the nation's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals. The NMDA has over 300 members in two districts. The NMDA is a non-profit 501(c)6 organization.

The mission of the NMDA is to promote optimal nutrition and well-being for all people by advocating for its members. A major goal of the organization is to influence the policy initiatives of key audiences, and to develop partnerships with groups and/or organizations that share common missions, visions, and values related to the areas of food, nutrition, and health.

The majority of NMDA members are Registered Dietitians (RD), however those who are not RD's and have advanced degrees (MS, PhD) in related fields can be and are also members. NMDA members can be found working in hospitals, outpatient services, food service management, long term care, public health and community settings, industry, trade associations, consulting, universities, and public schools among others.

Advocate at: statewide and national levels.

Current Priorities:

The NMDA has recently started to focus on building grassroots efforts at the state and national levels. Currently, at the state level, we have been focusing on: 1) Medicaid Provider Numbers for RD's who work with these populations, 2) Gross Receipts Tax exemption for Health Providers (RD's), 3) Involvement in the Healthy New Mexico Task Force (SB129). Our state grassroots goals for this year include building connections

with other organizations who we can work with to support common goals, and sharing our vision that NMDA members are the leading source of food and nutrition information and services.

At the national level in 2008 we advocated for specific nutrition priorities in the Farm Bill including nutrition education for Food Stamp recipients and Fresh Fruit and Vegetable programming in the school food environment, and expanding Medical Nutrition Therapy benefits in both the House (H.R. 2805 and H.R. 2922) and the Senate (S.1161 and S.755).

We will begin setting more specific policy and issues priorities in May 2008 that will include topics that impact both our profession and the nutritional status of the public. The ADA holds positions on a wide range of food and nutrition issues and as an affiliate we will act to support policies and programs that are in line with these positions.

Successes and Challenges:

We were successful in advocating against the proposed ban on Aspartame in New Mexico in 2007.

The primary challenge we face on most nutrition issues is that many are passionate about these issues, but often have opinions based on popular press viewpoints, personal opinions or political views rather than on careful evaluation of scientifically based nutrition/food research. In addition, many organizations, policy makers, and decision-makers do not yet know the NMDA, are not clear on what we do or what expertise we have and consequently do not know to call on us for assistance in developing nutrition and food policies, programs and projects.

Associated 501(c)4?: No

Resources

Qualified and knowledgeable volunteers and advisors; again dietitians in New Mexico work in various areas of practice from university settings, research hospitals, public schools systems, Indian Health Services, Department of Health, WIC clinics, national government settings. Several dietitians in our organization have experience with the media and all who serve on the Board of Directors are volunteers.

Partners:

Members of the NMDA are members of Action for Healthy Kids and New Mexico Healthier Weight Council. Members of the NMDA are actively involved on coalitions and partnerships that are formed and organized to increase the health, wellness, and activity levels and aimed to reduce overweight/obesity related to poor nutrition and lack of physical activity in the state of New Mexico.

Allies:

We don't have any specific allies in government at this time. We will be working to build government allies as part of our grassroots efforts.

Has your organization considered working with partners in a different field?

At this point we are open to working with any partners that have similar goals in the area of food/nutrition policy

Are you interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives?

Yes, possibly. Will depend upon how we define our internal priorities this year and beyond.

New Mexico Healthier Weight Council

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Mission & Constituents: The New Mexico Healthier Weight Council (HWC) is a collaborative effort of diverse public and private partners working together to champion the implementation and evaluation of the *New Mexico Plan to Promote Healthier Weight: 2006-2015* (State Plan), to ultimately improve the health and quality of life for New Mexicans.

The purpose of the Council is to:

- Increase awareness of issues related to overweight and obesity and the need for improved physical activity and nutrition, among the general public, health care providers, policy makers, business leaders, educators, and community planners.
- Educate and advocate for policies related to key outcomes in all settings of the State Plan.
- Collaborate with partners to implement and evaluate programs for improving nutrition, increasing physical activity and treating people who are overweight to contribute to the pool of practice-based evidence.
- Participate in the development of an annual work plan for the State Plan, and provide information and feedback on the State Plan to make modifications as needed.
- Increase and improve resources and programs for improving nutrition and increasing physical activity.
- Provide a forum for communication of issues and activities related to overweight and obesity.

Advocate at: the local, regional and statewide levels.

Current Priorities:

The HWC is now implementing the *2008 Action Plan*, which was developed by members of six advisory groups: Community and Regional Planning; Education Systems; Families and Communities: Food Systems; Healthcare Systems; and Worksites. Each advisory group has identified at least one focus area, activities to support it, and progress indicators. In addition, the Policy and Advocacy Committee was launched in January 2008. This group will support advisory groups with policy endeavors.

Successes: Policy development, implementation, and enforcement is listed as one of five strategic goals in the State Plan. Formation of the Policy and Advocacy Committee in January 2008 is one of the council's successes in this area.

Associated 501(c)4?: No.

Resources: We can offer policy experience and communication access to partners: There are currently eighty members of the HWC. Council meeting invitations and related announcements are sent to over 500 partners statewide.

Partners and Allies

The HWC is comprised of interested individuals and representatives from businesses, schools, healthcare organizations, and non-profit and government agencies. Members represent six intervention settings identified in the State Plan: Community and Regional Planning; Education Systems; Families and Communities: Food Systems; Healthcare Systems; and Worksites.

Some HWC members have governmental allies.

New Partners:

Has your organization considered working with partners in a different field?

The HWC is interested in working with partners from all sectors who have a stake in slowing the rate of growth of obesity in New Mexico.

Are you interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives?

The HWC is interested in policy initiatives, and welcomes the opportunity to engage with new partners around policy.

NM Health Policy Commission

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Mission & Constituents:

We are an Independent health policy and research institution responding to requests from the Executive and Legislative branches of government.

Advocate at: the local, regional and statewide level.

Current Priorities and Agenda:

Hospital Inpatient Discharge Data Report; Comprehensive Statewide Strategic Health Plan; Geographic Access Data Survey Report; County Financing of Health Care Report; Quick Facts Report; Consumer's Guide to Managed Care Report; Annual Report.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010:

Nationwide Universal Health Care and Financing of Health Care Update; State Funded Primary Care Residency Slots Memorial; Ob/Gyn Medical Malpractice and Patient Safety Memorial; Antidepressants and Suicide Memorial; Federal Funds for Indigent Care Memorial; County Inmate Health Provider Reimbursement Memorial; Health Care Supply Bulk Purchasing Memorial.

Partners and Allies

NM Department of Health, NM Human Services Department, NM Aging and Long Term Services Department, NM Children, Youth and Families Department, NM Aging and Long Term Services Department, NM Department of Veterans' Services, NM Indian Affairs Department; NM Behavioral Health Collaborative. NM Medical Review Association, NM Medical Society, NM Hospital Association, NM Primary Care Association, Health Action NM, Food and Ag Policy Council, NM Public Health Association, NM Center on Law and Poverty, NM Protection and Advocacy, AARP – NM, League of Women Voters – NM, NM Human Needs Coordinating Council, and many others.

New Partners:

Are you interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives?
Absolutely.

New Mexico School Nutrition Association

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Mission & Constituents: NMSNA is a professional association of school nutrition employees, child care employees and allied groups such as vocational and college instructors and industry representatives. Our mission is “To advance good nutrition for all children.”

Advocate at: statewide level.

Current Priorities:

- Increased funding at the state and national level
- One unified national nutrition policy for all states and school districts.
- Mandates should be financed by the state (mandated increases in salaries, increases in insurance premiums, etc.). Funding is allocated for all employees except food service.
- Healthy Schools, Healthy Economy (more locally grown fruits and vegetables for school programs.

Successes:

While we have not achieved our primary goal of the NM Legislature funding any portion of school lunches, they are gaining more awareness of the issues and the obstacles we face. The NMSNA has also supported Governor Richardson’s initiative to fund elementary breakfast in schools that have been labeled “in need of improvement” under No Child Left Behind. Each year schools have been added with the goal that all elementary schools will receive funding to offset federal reimbursement when breakfast is served to all students at no charge.

Challenges:

I believe a forum to discuss the issues and continue to educate the public, policy makers, school administrators of the obstacles we have in school nutrition is critical. The general public does not have any idea of the lack of resources in this federal program. Part of the problem is that because we are federally funded, the perception is that we are “fully funded”. I don’t know how many times I have heard that from legislators and other public officials. Our Lt. Governor, Diane Denish told me that and I used that opportunity to try and educate her of our resource base.

School administrators, school boards and business officials have the notion that school nutrition programs should be self-operating, i.e., self-supporting with no financial support from the general operational support. This “notion” has to change, because we

cannot grow and improve with the federal reimbursement we receive. The public is demanding continuous improvement and our resources will not allow for that growth.

Associated 501(c)4?: No.

Resources:

We can offer the approximately 700 grassroots members of the NM School Nutrition Association. We also work closely with NM Food and Ag Policy Council, Action for Healthy Kids and many other volunteer organizations advocating for healthy meals in schools. We have also developed relationships with many local newspapers and reporters who are willing to publish positive op-eds and articles on school nutrition programs, farm to school, and other articles affecting healthy meals.

Partners

At the national level, we work with American Dietetics Association (ADA), New Mexico Association of School Business Officials (NM ASBO,) New Mexico School Board association, PTA, NM Action for Healthy Kids (AFHK), plus many more. Some of these partnerships have also been developed in the state. We also work with Farm to Table and the NM Food and Agriculture Policy Council

Allies

While Governor Richardson line item vetoed the monies for fresh fruits and vegetables for school meals that was placed in the general appropriations bill, he has proven to be an ally and advocate for school meals. Many of our state senators and representatives have willingly supported bills for school meals particularly fresh fruits and vegetables. They were also supportive in passing the legislation that led to passage of the New Mexico Nutrition Rules which regulates food and beverages sold in schools during the academic day.

New Partners:

Has your organization considered working with partners in a different field?

We are open to discussing anything

Are you interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives?

Possibly. Any opportunity to impact the public's perception of what we have and do not have is welcomed.

Paso del Norte Health Foundation

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Mission and Constituents:

The mission of the Paso del Norte Health Foundation is to effect long-term improvements in the health status of the population in the Paso del Norte region through education and prevention. (Our region includes West Texas, Southern New Mexico and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.) This will be accomplished by:

- Establishing the promotion of good health as the Foundation's Focus.
- Identifying segments of individuals, within the region, who lack the economic resources to provide for their own family's wellness, and in turn, will benefit the most from Foundation programs.
- Developing a proactive grant program with focused direction through solicited grant proposals.
- Developing effective relationships with groups of individuals, and private and public partners.
- Providing the leadership necessary to create attitudinal shifts in thinking about health. The Foundation will bring together groups and organizations, at all levels, to take a proactive approach toward promoting wellness.
- Aggressively seeking partners to leverage funds for Foundation initiatives.
- Influencing regional, national, and international policy and programs to promote health and prevent disease. The Foundation's position is that public policy, which positively influences human behavior, will result in wellness and lower health care costs. Providing leadership and support in public health research related to wellness.

Southern Area Health Education Center (SoAHEC)

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Mission: To serve as a culturally-competent regional resource and training center for youth, the health workforce and communities of southern New Mexico.

Constituents: Communities in southern New Mexico.

Advocate at: local, regional and statewide level.

Current Priorities:

Environmental Health/Home Safety
Community Emergency Preparedness
Health Literacy
Diabetes/Obesity Prevention
Women's Health
Health Career Awareness

Successes:

Through SoAHEC's Diabetes/Obesity Prevention program, we were successful in providing feedback and advocate for a comprehensive Nutrition and Health Policy for New Mexico Public Schools. We have advocated for increased resources for diabetes/obesity prevention to the NM state legislature to better serve needs in southern NM.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010: Not sure yet. Advisory Board will help define these areas of interest.

Associated 501(c)4?: No.

Resources: Connection to researchers, media contacts, connection to community members active in advocacy.

D. Partners

Doña Ana Diabetes Action Coalition
Otero County Diabetes Education and Prevention Coalition
NM Healthier Weight Council
NM Office of Border Health
NM Public Health Association
And many, many more statewide partners working on similar community health issues.

Allies: We have allies in the legislature.

Coalitions:

Doña Ana Diabetes Action Coalition
Otero County Diabetes Education and Prevention Coalition

New Partners:

We would like to partner with organization to address behavioral health training for providers and community members. And we are interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives.

National Education Association-New Mexico

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Mission & Constituents: Advocates for students, public education, and public education employees in New Mexico.

Advocate at: local and state level.

Current Priorities

To assure equity and excellence in education

Putting Kids First

- Teaching the Whole Child
- Anti-Bullying Activities
- Read Across America Activities
- Safe Schools
- Parental Involvement
- NCLB
- Adequate Funding
- Parent Partnerships
- K-3+ Schools
- Class Size Limits
- High School Reform
- Drop-Out Prevention
- School Nutrition Policies
- Quality Education to Compete in a Global Society
- Equitable Learning Opportunities for All Students Regardless of Language, Special Needs, or Socio-economic Status
- Adequate and Equitable Learning Resources, Including Books & Materials, Libraries, Technology

Successes

Standards for preparation, licensure and professional excellence of public school employees

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010

National Education Association-New Mexico and AFT New Mexico 2008 Joint Legislative Goals

AFT NM and NEA-NM have jointly committed to collective action on educational issues for New Mexico. The accomplishment of the following goals will achieve excellence in education for our students and educational employees. The legislative goals of AFT NM and NEA-NM represent our stands on issues likely to come before the 2008 Legislature. We will work both to introduce legislation and to support legislation regarding these issues.

1. ADEQUATE SCHOOL FUNDING

- Unit Value
- Compensation in the Public School Funding Formula.

2. HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING

- Prioritize People over Buildings.
- Faculty and College Excellence.

3. PUBLIC MONEY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS: No Voucher, Tax Credits, Public Scholarships or Other Schemes to Privatize Public Schools.

4. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

5. COMPETITIVE COMPENSATION

6. REVENUE

- Adequate Recurring Revenues.
- No Revenue Reductions.
- Adequate Funding for Fixed Costs.
- Fund Schools as New Mexico's Priority.
- Fair Share of Any Surplus.

ADDITIONAL GOALS:

Elementary Physical Education Expansion

Healthy kids learn better. Students need physical education to develop healthy lifestyles and exercise habits. Funding this program would ensure the return of physical education to all schools.

Parental Involve

Associated 501(c) 4: Not sure.

Resources: Media contacts.

Partners

The New Mexico Education Partners is a coalition of professional organizations that includes AFT New Mexico, NEA-New Mexico, the New Mexico Coalition of School Administrators, the New Mexico PTA, and the New Mexico School Boards Association.

Allies: Yes.

Coalitions: Ed Partners

New Partners:

Has your organization considered working with partners in a different field? Yes.

Are you interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives?
Yes.

New Mexico Health Care Takes On Diabetes

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Mission & Constituents:

New Mexico Health Care Take On Diabetes (NMHCTOD) is a coalition of 31 health care organizations that joined forces in 1999 to reduce the negative health effects associated with diabetes among citizens of New Mexico. NMHCTOD's activities focus on provider and consumer education, prevention, early diagnosis, and appropriate treatment of people with diabetes.

Advocate at: statewide level for policy and funding supporting our mission for education, prevention and treatment for chronic disease.

Current Priorities:

Statewide - funding for Diabetes programs

Local program – Albuquerque Prescription Trails Program. Mission: Develop, produce and market a health care system based *prescription tool* to increase walking and rolling on suggested routes in our community, targeting and promoting healthy lifestyles for families.

Successes and Challenges:

Successfully developed and advocated an appropriation bill in the 2004 NM legislative session for diabetes education and treatment. 4 yr. re-occurring. Attempted funding request at NM Legislature 2005 and 2006

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010:

We are currently reviewing several policy activities for the 2009 NM session.

Associated 501(c)4?: No

Resources: Membership

Partners

Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service
American Diabetes Association
American Diabetes Association, New Mexico and El Paso Area
American Heart Association—New Mexico
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico
Lovelace Clinic Foundation
Lovelace Health Plan
Molina Healthcare of New Mexico
New Mexico Academy of Family Physicians
New Mexico Chapter, American College of Physicians

New Mexico Dental Association
New Mexico Department of Health
New Mexico Diabetes Advisory Council
New Mexico Dietetic Association
New Mexico Hispanic Medical Association
New Mexico Hospitals Association
New Mexico Human Services Department, Medical Assistance Division
New Mexico Medical Review Association
New Mexico Medical Society
New Mexico Optometric Association
New Mexico Podiatric Medical Association

New Mexico Primary Care Association
New Mexico Public Health Association
New Mexico Veterans Administration Health
Care System
Presbyterian Health Care Services
Presbyterian Insurance Company

United Healthcare—New Mexico
University of New Mexico Health Sciences
Center
Zia New Mexico Association of Diabetes
Educators

ABQ Prescription Trails: 1000 Friends of New Mexico / ABQ Alliance for Active Living / City of Albuquerque / NMDOH

Allies:

Yes, both in the NM house and senate state legislature, county commissioners, federal house and senate congressman and NM state Department of Health, and Human Services Dept. .

Coalitions

NM Diabetes Advisory council
NM Chronic Disease Council
NM Bernalillo County Health council
NM Public Health Association

Policy Agenda and Planning for 2010 and beyond: Currently in discussion

New Partners:

Has your organization considered working with partners in a different field? Doing....?
No – we stick very closely to our mission.

Are you interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives?
Yes, very much so.

New Mexico Pediatric Society

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Mission and Constituents:

The New Mexico Pediatric Society is committed to the attainment of optimal physical, mental, and social health for all New Mexico infants, children, adolescents and young adults. To this end, the members of the New Mexico Pediatric Society dedicate their efforts and resources.

The New Mexico Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics is dedicated to the

principle of a meaningful and healthy life for every child. As an organization of physicians and allied health professionals who care for infants, children, adolescents and young adults, the New Mexico Chapter seeks to promote this goal by encouraging and assisting its members in their efforts to meet the overall health needs of children and youth; by providing support and counsel to others concerned with the well being of children, their growth and development; and by serving as an advocate for children and their families within the community at large.

Advocate at: statewide level.

Current Priorities:

The New Mexico Pediatric Society, along with its allies, particularly the New Mexico Medical Society and New Mexico Voices for Children tracked about 60-75 bills of importance to children and those who provide health care to them. The children of New Mexico and members of the New Mexico

Pediatric Society had a successful session. Medicaid was funded at a level to continue present programs and provide coverage to adults at 100% or less of the Federal Poverty Level. There will be a provider fee/payment increase.

Bills passed by the Legislative and signed by the Governor:

- (1) Increasing the state minimum wage
- (2) Child Helmet Safety Act
- (3) A statewide clean indoor air act
- (4) Use of breast pumps in the workplace
- (5) Individual investment accounts for children
- (6) Liability coverage for retired physicians who volunteer their service
- (7) Mandatory insurance coverage for HPV vaccine
- (8) Rural practitioner state income tax credit
- (9) Removal of gross receipts tax (GRT) penalty provision
- (10) On call services GRT tax deduction

Memorial (These are requests to study an issue):

- (1) Study to be conducted by the NM Medical Society, NM Trial Lawyers Association, Department on the effects/results of raising the medical liability
- (2) Develop a Young Children and Family Continuum Group to advise the legislature on issues effecting young children and their families
- (3) Availability of emergency contraception
- (4) Auto-closure of Medicaid

Many bills which required funding were folded into the two main appropriation bills; House Bill 2 and House Bill 2 Jr.:

- (1) Pre-K expansion
- (2) Early intervention service for children birth to three
- (3) Teen pregnancy prevention
- (4) Infant mental health

- (5) Increase eligibility and payments for child care assistance
- (6) Pediatric telehealth
- (7) RIOS outpatient research network
- (8) Autism evaluation and treatment
- (9) Programs for children of incarcerated parents
- (10) Home Visiting

Most of the bills that we opposed didn't make it to a legislative vote:

- (1) Parental notification of abortion
- (2) Tax breaks for the Desert Rock power plant
- (3) Banning aspartame and its derivatives
- (4) Nutritional councils
- (5) Open the malpractice act to double the limits of liability
- (6) Various acts to criminalize the parents of children born with drug addiction or fetal alcohol system

The Governor supported our request to veto the bill to put into law a mandate to vaccinate 12 year old girls against HPV.

Issues that did not succeed as we had desired this session:

- (1) Health care reform
- (2) Medicaid payment for medical interpreter

Southeast Heights Health Coalition

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Mission & Constituents:

The Coalition works on the structural, lifestyle and community empowerment determinants of health by working with policy makers and advocates, health providers, and community based organizations.

Advocate at: local level.

Current Priorities:

We are working on supporting Clinic expansion in the Southeast Heights through work with UNMH, and First Nations Healthsource. We are also working with neighborhood associations and the City of Albuquerque on the Near Heights Metropolitan

Redevelopment Area. Endorphin Power Company is working on a Community Garden and we are looking to support that.


In working with the Vecinos project and the Food Security Survey (see below) we are looking at a variety of policy issues and determining which would have most impact and which we are best suited to work on.

Food Security Study/Summit

From the perspective that food is essential to health, St. Joseph Community Health has initiated a food study, conducted by Linda Perez, to examine more closely the inter-connectedness of various food sources in SE Albuquerque – a geographic area of focus for us- and their responsiveness to community from the users' perspective. The study help us better understand each food source's connection to the community, referral networks and related communication channels or lack thereof. This study allows each agency to self- describe:

The food study results were shared with community food providers and advocates at a summit in January, whose goal was to spark a dialogue about improving services and networking for policy change. That summit drew some 50 participants, from local providers to policy makers and advocates. It has led to follow up strategic discussions, including one that took place last week.

Vecinos y Vida Sana Collaborative

The purpose of our one-year planning project is to address childhood and family obesity prevention in the SE Heights of Albuquerque through a community-based participatory research (CBPR) model. We recognize that the rising incidence of childhood obesity is a manifestation of the complex health needs in our community, and we will engage people who live and/or work in the neighborhood to help us develop a plan that addresses the root causes of unhealthy communities. At the end of the planning year we hope to have drawn on the skills and interests of community members so that we all come to understand, not only the antecedents to the problem, but also, its potential solutions, as we tap into the assets present in the community. We plan to explore issues ranging from public policy and the built environment, to access to appropriate medical care, and family education and support for lifestyle changes. 

Overweight children are more likely to become obese adults, and the rising incidence of obesity threatens the healthy functioning of communities. Ethnic and racial minority and low-income children are among those most at risk for obesity because of a multitude of factors, including but not limited to, limited access to nutritious food and unsafe neighborhoods. The SE Heights has the highest concentration of low-income, immigrant and racial/ethnic minority residents in Albuquerque.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010:

We're in the process of determining specifics.

Associated 501(c)4?: No.

Resources: Our capacity to draw people together in Southeast Albuquerque.

Partners: Southeast neighborhood associations, UNM Hospital, First Nations Healthsource, 1000 Friends of NM, Sage Council, Bernalillo County Health Council and several more organizations.

Allies: Rey Garduño, City Council

Coalitions: We are the facilitation staff for the Southeast Heights Health Coalition.

New Partners: We have considered working with unions and neighborhood associations outside of our area. We are interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives at some point in the future.

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Mission & Constituents:

Health Action New Mexico is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to work for accessible, affordable and accountable health care for all people living in New Mexico. Our constituency is all people living in New Mexico.

Our Work: The primary focus of Health Action New Mexico is to support and participate in the activities of the Health Care for All Campaign. The Campaign is a Collaborative of 12 statewide advocacy organizations whose goal is to achieve health care reform in New Mexico.

Health Action New Mexico is the lead agency and fiscal agent for the Campaign and is responsible for providing its staff, infrastructure, funding and fiscal oversight.

We educate the public, businesses, providers, faith groups and policy makers concerning health care issues in New Mexico. We are working to create a policy and administrative action agenda for issues related to health care access. And we

participate in social justice coalitions in addition to the strategies of the Health Care for All Campaign.

Advocate at: at the local, state and national level.

Current Priorities:

The focus of the Health Care for All Campaign in 2008 is:

- Mobilizing and expanding the community voice for health care reform
- Strengthening partnerships with businesses and public.
- Supporting enrollment in existing programs
- Empowering local leadership
- Convene stakeholders
- Communicating the need for health care reform
- Policy and legal research necessary to provide evidence based data for health care reform.
- Continuing to educate policy makers.

Successes and Challenges

Health care reform in New Mexico is no longer a question of “if” but one of “when”. The Health Coverage for New Mexicans Committee’s report to the governor and legislature issued in August of last year set in motion a flurry of activity at the 2008 legislative session. Although several of the health care reform bills supported by the Health Care for All Campaign and the Governor’s bill did not pass, the issue remains a high priority with the governor and undoubtedly will be on the agenda of the 2009 legislative session (or earlier if the governor calls for a special session this summer).

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010:

Meaningful health care reform in New Mexico

Fully funding Medicaid and other public programs

Associated 501(c)4?: No.

Resources: Health care reform – policy research, media relationships, over 500 paid members and volunteers.

Partners

National Level:

- Community Catalyst
- Families USA
- Public Welfare Foundation
- Universal Health Care Action Network
- Herndan Alliance

State Level

- Association of Medical Students – UNM
- Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministry - NM
- Health Care for the Homeless
- Human Needs Coordinating Council
- National Association of Social Workers - NM
- New Mexico Conference of Churches
- New Mexico Voices for Children
- New Mexico League of Women Voters
- Results NM
- New Mexico Public Health Association
- St. Joseph Community Health
- The Center on Law and Poverty
- Disability Coalition
- NM Medical Society
- NM Hospital Association

HANM/ HCFA has strong relationships with the members of the Interim Legislative Committee on Health and Human Services Committee, legislative leadership, and the Lt Governor and Governor's office. Additionally, several of our members have served as consumer advocates on Governor Task Forces on Health, Health Reform, Election Reform, Housing, Medicaid etc.

Coalitions

Health Care for All Campaign (see above).

Also, our state partners serve on the HCFA Steering Committee.

NM. Public Health Association

Center on Law and Poverty

Voices for Children

Medicaid Coalition

Human Needs Coordinating Council

New Partners:

New collaborators are always welcome, but work needs to be focused on our mission - accessible, affordable and accountable health care for all persons living in New Mexico. We support other efforts but do not take the lead on other issues.

We are interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives.

We participate with many groups – but our leadership needs to be focused on our mission: accessible, affordable health care for all persons living in New Mexico.

New Mexico Public Health Association

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Mission & Constituents:

NMPHA's mission is to mobilize public health workers, community members, and organizations in advocating for public health policies, programs and services that promote the health and well-being of New Mexico.

Advocate at: primarily the statewide level, but also at the local, regional and national levels.

Current Priorities:

Please briefly describe the key issues, projects, and policies your group is working on: NMPHA's three priority areas are: Environmental Health & Justice, Social Determinants of

Health, and Universal Access to Health Care. We are currently involved in a campaign with the

New Mexico Health Equity Working Group to focus attention on the social determinants of

health, particularly social and economic inequities, that are the root cause of health disparities in

New Mexico and nationwide.

Successes and Challenges:

We have not had specific legislation that we have developed ourselves (yet), but have worked closely with other organizational partners and members to support their issues. We have an annual Legislative Health Policy Forum, usually in late November or early December, to bring together organizations to share their policy priorities to see where groups could collaborate and also which issues NMPHA will endorse and focus on supporting during the state legislative session.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010: In process of formulating...

Associated 501(c)4?: No.

Resources

We have a listserve of members who respond to requests for action on relevant policies. We put on an Annual Conference in April where individuals and organizations can share best practices, research, and innovative programs, and also have an annual Legislative Health Policy Forum (see above). We have offered policy advocacy and

media advocacy workshops in the past and are currently seeking support for a Community Leadership Institute for Public Health Advocacy to more intensively train effective community-based advocacy leaders. We are also in the process of developing a way to share the California Newsreel documentary “Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?” with organizations and communities around the state to increase awareness and action for developing upstream policies that impact on social and economic inequities.

Partners

Human Needs Coordinating Council (we recently “absorbed” them as an entity); New Mexico Health Equity Working Group (consisting of over 20 entities within UNM, Department of Health and community-based groups); Department of Health (several divisions and offices); UNM Institute for Public Health; UNM Masters in Public Health program; UNM Robert Wood Johnson Center for Health Policy; NMSU Masters in Public Health program; Southern Area Health Education Center/Border Health Education Training Center (SoAHEC/BHETC); New Mexico Voices for Children; Governor’s Women’s Health Advisory Council; Doña Ana County Health & Human Services; and numerous other community-based non-profits. NMPHA is a member of the Bernalillo County Community Health Council, Health Action New Mexico/Health Care for All, the Healthier Weight Council and New Mexico Takes on Diabetes.

Do you have allies in government (legislative, executive)? Our partners have many contacts with progressive legislators. We have many members who are workers, administrators and leaders in the NM Department of Health.

Coalitions

New Mexico Health Equity Working Group – Kristine Suozzi kosuozzi@yahoo.com
Health Care for All – Charlotte Roybal Roybalhanm@aol.com
Healthier Weight Council (I’m sure you have this info)

New Partners:

We are particularly interested in allying with partners who may not consider themselves part of traditional “public health” but whose work very much affects the health of the public. Related to the social and economic determinants of health this could range from community planning activists to tax policy activists to (definitely) food policy activists and many more.

We are very interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives. We want to work with others around the state to craft policy initiatives that address the “upstream” root causes of health problems, especially where there are obvious disparities in community or population health outcomes.

HUNGER AND POVERTY

New Mexico Voices for Children

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Mission: New Mexico Voices for Children is a progressive, non-partisan organization that advocates to improve the health and well-being of children, families and communities in New Mexico. Our work to eliminate child poverty is focused by four core values: [economic justice](#), [healthy communities](#), [citizen participation](#) and [human rights](#).

Advocate at local, regional, statewide and national level.

Current Priorities: Reducing child poverty, health care for all children, high quality early care and education, fair and equitable tax policy; racial equity; youth civic participation.

Successes:

- Working Families Tax Credit that returns \$29 million annually to low income working families
- Raising the level at which low income families begin to pay state income taxes (a savings of \$19 million annually for low income families)
- Active membership in a coalition that raised the state's minimum wage to \$7.50/hr.
- Unemployment insurance reforms (in 2003 and again in 2007) that increased benefits to unemployed workers by over \$20 million while reducing employer tax rates to the lowest in the nation.
- As the conveners of the New Mexico Medicaid Coalition, we've helped add nearly two and a half billion dollars – much of it federal money – to the fund that keeps New Mexico's children healthy.
- Increased child care eligibility from 100% of the federal poverty level to 165% FPL. In the past nine years, child care funding has doubled from \$43 million to \$86 million.

Challenges: Convincing policy makers to prioritize the needs of children over the wants of the business community. Also, big money in politics, and the lack of public financing of campaigns.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010:

- Corporate tax reform
- Health Care for All Children

- Raising child care eligibility to at least 200% FPL
- Greater food security for families
- Greater housing security for families

Policy Agenda and Planning for 2010 and beyond:

Voices has launched a New Mexico Children's Charter that outlines 20 areas for addressing the needs of children and families. This document will serve as a basis for our policy agenda and planning for the next several years. The Children's Charter can be accessed at: <http://nmvoices.org/childrenscharter.html>

Associated 501(c)4?: No.

Resources

Voices has a strong communications team for media outreach and an extraordinary research and policy team. Voices publishes several guidebooks on the state budget, tax system and legislative advocacy that staff use in presentations to community groups.

Partners

Voices is an active member of many coalitions and we always partner with others in our work. They include other advocacy organizations, labor, business, youth groups and the faith community.

Allies: Voices works closely with legislators and the executive branch.

Coalitions: Voices convenes the NM Tax Coalition, the NM Medicaid Coalition, Race Matters Coalition, and a new Tax Increment Financing Coalition. Voices is a member of coalitions dealing with hunger, housing, rural issues, and Health Care for All.

New Partners:

Voices concern for children goes beyond our current capacity as an organization. If the need arises, Voices would prioritize other policy areas such as child welfare, juvenile justice and others. Voices is interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives.

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry

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Mission and Constituents: Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM is a statewide public policy office of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America that primarily advocates with and for people with little or no economic or political power.

Advocate at: statewide level.

Current Priorities:

Affordable Housing & Homelessness

- Ongoing funding for the state Housing Trust Fund
- Increasing funding for programs assisting homeless people
- Increasing funding for weatherization and emergency repair of low income homes
- Funding for supportive housing

Family Sustaining Income

- Funding for the TANF program to help TANF families move to family sustaining employment
- Funding for the state Family Opportunity Accounts program
- Restoring child care eligibility to 200% of the federal poverty level and providing more funding to increase the quality of child care assistance
- Funding to increase foster care rates and for transitional services for children aging out of foster care
- Increasing funding for the LIHEAP program
- Increasing funding for more Income Support Division workers

Health Care

- Providing affordable and accessible health care for all New Mexicans
- Maintaining and expanding Medicaid coverage/benefits for low income kids and adults
- Increasing funding for primary care clinics

Hunger

- Increasing supplemental state funding for seniors receiving the minimal Food Stamp benefit
- Increasing funding for nutrition assistance programs, including the Food Banks' produce transportation and Food for Kids programs as well as the Farmers' Market Nutrition Enhancement program
- Increasing funding for the Elementary School Breakfast program

Tax Policy

- Working for tax policy that is fair and provides stable, adequate revenue to meet the needs of the most vulnerable.
- Enacting combined reporting legislation

New Mexico Association of Food Banks

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Mission: Enhance the capacity of New Mexico's Food Banks in order to build a well nourished New Mexico

Advocate at: statewide and national levels.

Current Priorities:

- Farm Bill nutrition titles
- Food Stamp Policy at the state level to improve access
- Statewide infrastructure for food distribution
- Rural food access

Successes:

During this year's 30-day legislative session a bill was introduced that would have doubled the fresh produce funds for the state food bank network, we were satisfied just to have our appropriation maintained rather than cut year. Last year a small amount of funding (\$42,000) was appropriated for New Mexico grown produce and backpack program foods.

A state \$10 supplement has been added to the \$10 minimum Food Stamp allotment for seniors. This amounted to a total budget of \$600,000 of state funds to be added to the federal Food Stamp Funds. This funding recurred in the year's session.

The "Farmers' Market Nutrition Enhancement Program" provided \$20 vouchers to seniors for use at farmer's markets. Eligible seniors participate in the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. NMAFB was able to assist the Farmer's Market Promotion Association in promoting the program by directing a funder to them for a grant of \$5,000.

Last year Senate Memorial 7 was written and passed as a direct result of a request to Senator Komadina by the coordinator of the New Mexico Task Force to End Hunger. It requested all school districts to work with Children Youth and Families Department to prepare a survey on the feasibility of a summer food service program in eligible school districts. Though not made public, the required report was submitted in September.

We plan to participate on a food gap task force created A House and Senate Joint Memorial last year investigate ways to improve access of rural and underserved New Mexicans to sources of healthy and affordable foods.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010:

- Better access to food stamps
- Improved rural food access
- Extension of the Good Samaritan Law
- Deductable value for food donation to Indian tribes
- Child Nutrition Reauthorization
- Statewide food distribution infrastructure (incentives for food business in underserved areas, cold storage capacity, transportation capacity)

Policy Agenda and Planning for 2010 and beyond:

- Disaster planning
- Policy affecting low income working families and hungry New Mexicans.
- Reframe our message to the state legislature this year with our lobbyist. The last 3 years the message has been confusing or in effective

Associated 501(c)4?: No.

Resources: UNM student researchers, lobbying assistance, energy and commitment,

Partners:

New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council

Human Needs Coordinating Council

NM Public Health Association

State agencies: CYFD, Department of Health, and Human Services Division

Center on Law and Poverty

NM Voices for Children

Dept of Health

NMSU Cooperative Extension

Allies:

Governor Richardson's Office of Faith Based and Community initiatives,

State agencies: CYFD, DOH, AGLTS, HSD, USDA.

We need new allies in legislative branch.

Bingaman and Udall are helpful in congress.

Coalitions:

New Mexico Healthier Weight Council

New Mexico Association of Food Banks

New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council

Fruits and Veggies: More Matters

Human Needs Coordinating Council

New Partners: We interested in strategic planning and working with new partners in Philanthropy, PED, working on ending hunger.

Bread for the World--New Mexico

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Mission & Constituents:

We are affiliated with the national organization Bread for the World. Our mission is primarily legislative advocacy and education about issues related to domestic and global hunger and poverty.

Our main constituency is the faith community and Christian churches, but we network very closely with a wide range of secular groups and people of non-Christian faiths. At the national level, the organization has about 56,000 members nationwide in every congressional district in the country.

Advocate at: the national level. We organize churches to write letters to our federal Members of the U.S. House and Senate on a particular anti-hunger initiative each year.

Current Priorities:

We take direction from the national organization regarding the emphasis that we will be placing each year. Bread for the World attempts to work on both domestic and international anti-poverty issues. For example, last year our focus was on the 2007 Farm Bill (with a special emphasis on reducing subsidies for the five major commodities, supporting rural development and strengthening the Food Stamp Program). While we continue to keep an eye on the Farm Bill, this year our focus is on urging Congress to support an increase in poverty-focused international development assistance (as part of the effort to meet the U.S. commitment under the Millennium Development Goals).

Successes:

Our organization has achieved a fair amount of success in the 33 years it has been in existence. Many times, these successes have been in coalition with other organizations. Here are a few examples:

In 1992, Bread for the World helped win almost \$2 billion in increases to the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Head Start and Job Corps—three cost-effective federal childhood hunger programs—in 1992 and 1993, benefiting about a million infants, mothers, children and youth.

In 1999, Bread for the World joined a global campaign to support debt relief to the world's poorest countries. Over 1999 and 2000, Congress freed up more than \$2.5 billion, including \$545 million toward the U.S. contribution to the debt relief plan. The

World Bank and other international financial institutions also announced a major shift in policy that would tie debt relief efforts to poverty reduction.

In 2005, Bread for the World helped stop Congress from pushing hundreds of thousands of hardworking people and their children off the Food Stamp Program. We also built a strong bipartisan list of Congressional cosponsors of the Hunger-Free Communities Act. This act would help build the political will to end hunger in our country and provide funding to local and religious groups to work together to end hunger in their communities. Congress has not yet completed consideration of this bill.

These are just a few examples: Here is a link to more examples:

<http://www.bread.org/about-us/legislative-victories.html>

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010:

The agenda is set by the national board of directors of Bread for the World on an annual basis. I am certain that global poverty will remain a major focus of our efforts, as will the effort to support the domestic nutrition programs.

Associated 501(c)4?:

All our expenditures at the state/local level are donated by our members and churches. We don't have a treasury. And even if someone were to donate any funds/services, they wouldn't be deductible because our main activity is legislative advocacy (i.e. lobbying). The same is true for the national Bread for the World organization. However, at the national level, Bread for the World does have a sister organization called The Bread for the World Institute, which dedicates itself primarily to education (putting out an annual report) and does enjoy the tax-exempt status.

Resources:

Often our members are asked to speak to churches, civic groups, classes and other forums. Most of our physical resources, such as brochures, DVDs, publications come from the national office in Washington.

Partners:

We work in coalition with other groups involved in The ONE Campaign that have a presence in New Mexico, such as the United Nations Association, Heifer International, RESULTS. We also work closely with local church committees and organizations like the Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministry.

Allies:

We are non-partisan and work with members of the U.S. Congress from both parties. We strive to include both Democrats and Republicans on the national board. Serving on the board this year are Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-NE) and Rep. Donald Payne (D-NJ)

Coalitions: We work in loose coalition with other members of The ONE Campaign.

New Partners:

Has your organization considered working with partners in a different field? Doing....?
Any organization that is involved directly in one of the Millennium Development Goals, especially international relief and environmental issues.

Are you interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives?
Yes, depending on the time commitment

NM Coalition to End Homelessness

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Mission and Constituents: The mission of the NMCEH is to assist communities in creating solutions to end homelessness, from prevention through permanent housing, by using action, advocacy, and awareness. The NMCEH is a membership organization. Over 75 non-profit homeless service agencies, homeless people, and government agencies from across New Mexico are members of the NMCEH.

The Coalition has three major areas:

- To support homeless service agencies in New Mexico
- To educate people in New Mexico about homelessness
- To advocate for solutions to homelessness at the local, state and national level

Advocates at: the local, statewide and national levels

Current Priorities:

We are currently in the process of developing our state legislative priorities for the 2009 legislative session. We will most likely be working on securing a dedicated source of funding for the NM Housing Trust Fund and securing increased funding for services that help people obtain and keep their housing.

For 2008 our priorities were:

- 1) Create a Housing First Taskforce through the passage of a Senate Memorial
- 2) Secure \$15 million for the NM Housing Trust Fund
- 3) Secure an increase in recurring funding for supportive housing for people with mental illness and for youth transitioning out of foster care and the juvenile justice system.

At the local level, our focus has been on coordinating the process of developing plans to end homelessness for both Santa Fe and Albuquerque. Plans for both these cities have been completed and we are now working to get them implemented.

At the national level, two of our main priorities are the passage of the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the reauthorization of the McKinney-Vento Act, which is the law that governs how federal funding for homeless programs is distributed.

Successes:

In the last five years, the NMCEH has achieved these legislative victories:

Increase in State Funding for Homeless Programs: Over the past several years the Coalition has advocated for increasing the funding from the state for homeless programs, and has succeeded in increasing the annual funding over \$600,000 to \$1,026,000 in 2005.

Creation of an Affordable Housing Trust Fund: Working with a broad coalition of other advocates, the NMCEH helped to create a New Mexico Housing Trust Fund, with initial funding of \$10 million to be used to meet the housing needs of low-income New Mexicans in a variety of ways.

Enactment of the Day Laborer Act: The Coalition took the lead in 2005 in advocating for legislation to protect people who work as day laborers from unfair practices that result in them not being paid or not being paid at least minimum wage for work they perform. The Act was passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor in 2005.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010: Over the next few years we will be working on securing a dedicated source of funding for the NM Housing Trust Fund.

Associated 501(c)4: No.

Resources: As a small staff of 5, we do pretty much everything related to policy working including working with the media, conducting research, organizing our members and other partners around the issue of homelessness.

Partners and Allies:

We partner closely with many of our membership organizations. We also partner with other advocacy organizations in New Mexico and nationally including: the National Low Income Housing Coalition, the National Alliance to End Homelessness, NM Voices for Children, NM Drug Policy Alliance, the Albuquerque Affordable Housing Coalition, NM Conference of Churches and the Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministry. We also partner with the NM Mortgage Finance Authority.

We have some allies with the NM Human Services Department, NM Children, Youth & Families Department and the Behavioral Health Collaborative.

Coalitions

We are a part of the Albuquerque Affordable Housing Coalition, National Low Income Housing Coalition, National Alliance to End Homelessness

Are you interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives?
Yes.

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Mission & Constituents:

The New Mexico Conference of Churches (NMCC) is a statewide ecumenical organization with membership representing over 600,000 individuals in a state of \$1.7 million people. The NMCC was formed in 1963, is over 50 years old and one of the oldest continuously operating non-profits in New Mexico

Through our member churches we are connected to every community in New Mexico. In addition we work closely with most of the major non-profit organizations in New Mexico

The mission of the NMCC can be summarized as working for reconciliation between the churches in New Mexico and working with the churches for social justice on behalf of all New Mexican. NMCC has been instrumental in the formation of many significant organizations in New Mexico, including: The Storehouse (food and clothes distribution), Road Runner Food Bank (a part of Second Harvest), Meals-on-Wheels in Albuquerque and Farmington, The Encino Houses (for senior citizens), and the NM Community Development Loan Fund (minority small business development loans).

NMCC has also played a major role in effecting legislation in New Mexico on issues related to social justice, repeal of the death penalty, environmental and health issues, minimum wage increase, a more just "payday loan" bill and campaign finance reform. The combined voice of Protestants and Catholics is a powerful force in New Mexico.

NMCC is governed by a Board of Directors composed of the Bishops and Executives of the member regional churches and lay and clergy representatives of the member regional churches from all parts of New Mexico.

Advocate at: Local, Regional, Statewide and limited National

Current Priorities:

- Only Faith-based organization to be one of the sponsors of Governor's Hunger Summit and continued membership in Governor's Task Force 2010 to End Hunger.
- Founder of The Storehouse in Albuquerque (the largest food "pantry" in NM, providing over 2.5 meals a year) the RoadRunner Food Bank in Central NM and Meals on Wheels in Farmington.
- Serve on Board of FEMA for emergency food, shelter and utility funds
- Brought program to provide sign-up for food stamps to The Storehouse
- Web-based program to better inform constituents of legislation relating to hunger and homelessness
- Provided 66 apartment units for low-income people, recognizing that hunger and homelessness are the twins of poverty

Successes:

- Part of coalition that successfully passed Statewide Housing Trust Fund for low-income housing in 2006 Legislature
- Part of coalition to change predatory lending practices in New Mexico. Major reform in 2007 Legislature
- Received over \$100,000 in Capital Outlay from 2008 Legislature for new and larger building for The Storehouse

Challenges:

- Federal cuts in emergency FEMA funding
- Federal and State cuts for all low-income needs and services
- Tax structure that hurts the poor more than any other group
- Motivating churches and individuals to recognize the hunger crisis in this country

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010:

- Healthy food choices in schools
- Increased support for local farmers and community gardens
- Ending the wars so funds are available for hunger relief
- Passage of Federal Farm Bill reform
- Significant reform to NAFTA and CAFTA

Associated 501(c)4?: No.

Resources

- Statewide communication with churches and other faith-based organization
- Volunteers
- Legislative Advocate for the state legislature

Partners:

We are a part of many coalitions, including the statewide Human Needs Coordinating Council, NM Coalition for Affordable Housing, NM Coalition Against Domestic Violence, NM Homeless Coalition and the Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministries. We work with many Hispanic grass roots organizations such as the Southwest Organizing Project, Cambio, Tierra de Madre, and several Native American Pueblo Governments and SAGE Council.

Allies: We work closely with many legislators and we have close relationships with some in the executive office and some in the various state departments and programs

Coalitions

- NM Coalition for Affordable Housing
- NM Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- NM Coalition to End Homelessness
- NM Public Health Association
- Health Action, NM
- NM Human Rights Coalition
- National Council of Churches
- Many others

New Partners:

Has your organization considered working with partners in a different field?

Our organization is always open to new partnerships

Are you interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives?

Yes

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND JUSTICE

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Mission: Established in 1988, Amigos Bravos is an award-winning, nationally recognized river conservation organization with offices in Taos and Albuquerque, a staff of seven, and a membership of over 1,600 supporters. Rooted in both science and the law, and inspired by the traditional values and wisdom of New Mexico's diverse communities, Amigos Bravos is guided by social justice principles and dedicated to preserving and restoring the ecological and cultural integrity of New Mexico's rivers and watersheds.

Advocate at: Local, statewide, and national levels.

Current Priorities:

The three most important issues we are working on are:

- Address sources of pollution and agency decisions that result in disparate impacts to the health and wellbeing of people of color (environmental Justice)
- Develop policies, management priorities, and restoration initiatives to offset impacts of global warming and climate change
- Build the capacity of the movement by providing opportunities for civic engagement and organizing broad coalitions with the goal of declaring that all New Mexicans have a right to a clean and healthy environment

The Amigos Bravos strategic plan incorporates those three priority strategies into its ongoing goals of *Protecting and Restoring Watershed Health*, *Holding Polluters Accountable*, and *Building Advocacy for the Future*. Our work focuses on organizing around Environmental Justice issues, and on countering the predicted effects of Climate Change. Moreover, we are celebrating our 20th anniversary by launching a new effort to elevate environmental protection to the level of a constitutional mandate. We accomplish our work by using three strategies – namely, Civic Engagement and Action, Policy Implementation, and Building Community Capacity.

Successes:

- Our most significant policy successes include:
- Passage of the 1993 New Mexico Mining Act
- Passage of the 1994 Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Act
- Establishing \$157 million in Financial Assurance for the clean up of the Molycorp mine

- Designation of the New Mexico's first Outstanding National Resource Water (ONRW) – the highest level of protection under the Clean Water Act
- Upgrading the state's water quality standards through participation in the Triennial Review process
- Passage of the 2006 Valle Vidal Protection Act that removes over 100,000 acres from oil, gas and mineral development
- Gained approval from the State to reintroduce river otters to New Mexico's rivers
- Successfully petitioned for stronger safeguards in NPDES and stormwater discharge permits
- Successfully helped defend New Mexico water quality standards from court challenges by a coalition of industry groups

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010:

Amigos Bravos is dedicated to developing pro-active policy that promotes the public interest, and fighting policies that pollute rivers and create disparate impacts on communities of color. Our policy initiatives are aimed at building a better future while holding present-day polluters and governmental decision-makers accountable.

Constitutional Amendment: Amigos Bravos will launch a campaign to amend the New Mexico constitution to provide for an affirmative right to a clean and healthy environment. If successful, the amendment will provide unprecedented opportunity for policy initiatives that address environmental justice issues and protect the rights and interests of the underrepresented. Moreover it will provide the basis for state regulation where the federal government has left a vacuum – such as regulating greenhouse gas emissions – and could stop actions that negatively affect the environment.

Federal Legislation: Because the erosion of the Clean Water Act and the lack of federal authority over the extraction of minerals are the biggest threats to New Mexico's rivers and rural communities, Amigos Bravos will work for passage of the Clean Water Restoration Act and legislation to reform the mining laws of 1872.

State Authority: Amigos Bravos will advocate for a New Mexico safety net program aimed at regulating discharges to those waters that are not protected under federal CWA regulations. In addition, we will work with the State and Tribal governments to fully utilize their authority under section 401 of the CWA to certify or deny discharges and/or add conditions to federal discharge permits. We will also propose policy to: 1. Address the cumulative effects of man-made causes that lead to global warming and climate change; 2. Control discharges of pharmaceuticals and personal care products; 3. Adopt protective standards for perchlorate and tritium; 4. Establish enforceable Best Management Practices, and; 5. Ban toxic mixing zone provisions in discharge permits.

Local Governance & Corporate Accountability: Amigos Bravos will work to implement policies that provide local governments with authority to deny development that is not in the "public welfare." Including policies that promote water as a community resource (rather than a commodity), maximize water conservation, minimize the use of

water to treat waste, minimize energy consumption, provide buffers for rivers, require recycling of pharmaceuticals, chemicals and plastics, and require impact analysis of proposed actions on global climate change and communities of color.

Associated 501(c) 4: No

Resources

Amigos Bravos focuses on grass roots community organizing, and has extensive experience in working with New Mexico state government and the media. We have a Clean Water Circuit Rider program through which we provide technical assistance to groups protecting rivers and watersheds in their own communities. That assistance takes many forms from how to apply the Clean Water Act, to strategic planning, media relations, and organizational development.

Partners & Allies

Strategic Partnerships

Each campaign calls for a unique set of partners. By building trust and collaboration through coalitions and alliances, we can create long-term strategic partnerships that enhance our collective capacity to organize and provide resources. Amigos Bravos is presently engaged in a number of strategic partnerships that help guide our major projects. The following table lists primary partner organizations in several of our collaborative project areas.

Program Area	Primary Partners
Clean Water Policy	Taos Pueblo, Arroyo Hondo Community Association, Rio Pueblo de Taos Watershed Group, Rio Colorado Reclamation Committee, Upper Gila Watershed Alliance, Gila Resources Information Project, New Mexico Friends of River Otters, Center for Civic Policy, Center for Biological Diversity, Wild Earth Guardians, Defenders of Wildlife, Conservation Voters New Mexico, Western Environmental Law Center, New Mexico Environmental Law Center, New Mexico Wildlife Federation, River Network, American Rivers, Clean Water Network, New Mexico Trout, Citizens Agenda for Rivers, Watershed Support Network, River Network
Communities for Clean Water	Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety (CCNS), Honor Our Pueblo Existence, Tewa Women United, Embudo Valley Environmental Monitoring Group, New Mexico Acequia Association, Don Gabino Andrade Community Acequia, SouthWest Organizing Project, Partnership for Earth Spirituality, Rio Grande Restoration, Western Environmental Law Center, New Mexicans for Sustainable Energy and Effective Stewardship
Public Welfare, South Valley, Rural Issues	Advocates for Community and Environment, New Mexico Legal Aid, New Mexico Acequia Association, South Valley Partners in Environmental Justice, Southwest Network for Economic and Environmental Justice, SouthWest Organizing Project, South Valley

Program Area	Primary Partners
	Academy, School on Wheels (alternative school serving minority students), Bosque School, Native American Community Academy, South Valley acequia associations, Rural People Rural Policy/Southwest Policy Network
Mining Reform	Gila Resources Information Project (GRIP), New Mexico Environmental Law Center, Earthworks, Center for Science in Public Participation, Kuipers & Associates, Rio Colorado Reclamation Committee, Westerners for Responsible Mining, Western Mining Action Network (Southwest Caucus and Uranium Caucus), Southwest Research and Information Center
On-the-Ground Restoration	New Mexico Wilderness Alliance, US Forest Service, New Mexico friends of River Otters, Bureau of Land Management, Rio Pueblo de Taos Watershed Group, Taos Noxious Weed Committee, US Fish & Wildlife Service, South Valley Partners for Environmental Justice, Sentinels – Rios de Taos, and scores of community volunteers

Allies

Depending on the issues, we both ally with (and at times oppose) the New Mexico Environment Department, USEPA, the NM Mining and Minerals Division and other state and federal agencies. Likewise we have respectful working relations with some of our Congressional delegation, and the Governor's staff.

Coalitions

Amigos Bravos is the fiscal agent for the Coalition for the Valle Vidal, and NM Friends of River Otters. We also work with several coalitions at the national and state level – see list above

New Partners

Through the Rural People Rural Policy Network, we are starting to work with partners in the health professions and in rural economic development. We are interested in policy collaborations with new and old partners.

Audubon New Mexico

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Mission: Audubon New Mexico's mission mirrors that of the National Audubon Society on a statewide basis: to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity. We aim to enhance the knowledge of New Mexico citizens to make informed decisions about the protection of wildlife and to empower them to be active stewards of the planet. This is accomplished through **education, public policy** and **science**.

Audubon New Mexico and the New Mexico Audubon Council – representatives of our Audubon chapters – have been leaders in environmental advocacy for more than 25 years. We work to build consensus on policies that will best serve our wildlife and our citizens now and into the future.

Advocate at: Local, regional, statewide, national, and tribal levels.

Current Priorities

We are seeking to restore the Rio Grande, protect the Gila River, and ensure science-based management and recreational opportunities in the Valles Caldera National Preserve. We are involved in efforts to reform our energy policies to reduce global warming, increase outdoor education opportunities, and preserve the Otero Mesa grasslands in the south. We are seeking solutions to protect the Lesser Prairie Chicken, Aplomado Falcon, Southwest Willow Flycatcher, and Rio Grande Silvery Minnow.

Audubon New Mexico alerted Audubon members and took action on several issues including (1) opposition to the proposed border fence along the U.S. Mexican border urging Congress to enact a moratorium on additional fence building until a comprehensive approach to border security can be fully developed to adequately and appropriately address root causes and will not cause harm to border wildlife and ecosystems; (2) support for the proposed Rio Grande National Conservation Area and Ute Mountain Wilderness designation; (3) opposition to the extensive oil and gas lease variances granted by BLM despite their own wildlife management guidelines; and (4) expressing support for the Santa Fe City Commission which passed Solar Santa Fe - a financial incentive program which helps offset the initial cost of installing solar electric, solar heating, and energy efficiency measures for Santa Fe property owners.

Successes

- We were instrumental in legislation to restrict the collection of reptiles in our state and led the effort to reintroduce the Mexican Gray Wolf in the Southwest.

- In the recent New Mexico Legislative Session, Audubon worked with a coalition of environmental groups and successfully advocated for:
 - a \$2.8 million appropriation for statewide river ecosystem restoration;
 - a \$1.5 million appropriation for land and wildlife projects including land protection and restoration work;
 - key legislation to improve energy efficiency through incentives with the utility companies that did pass;
 - \$240,000 in outdoor education funding for statewide partnerships.

Challenges

- The Leave No Child Inside Act which would have provided recurring annual funding for outdoor education by imposing a 1% tax on the purchase of video games and video equipment was tabled in the House. We knew from the beginning that the bill faced a difficult uphill battle. We heard that while Democrats and Republicans alike supported the concept of outdoor education and recreation, they did not support a new tax to fund it, especially in an election year.
- Lack of funding to hire outside help for lobbying and/or other grassroots organizing. We are competing with major lobbyists for industry, water and utility companies, governments, etc. Sometimes it is difficult to get our message through to legislators and others who recognize that we are usually working on solving a difficult issue.

Other Initiatives

Audubon New Mexico recently facilitated a Roundtable Discussion with 30 representatives from conservation organizations and state agencies present on the future of Land and Wildlife Conservation and River Ecosystem Restoration in NM. The conversation on future protection also had to touch on the causes of water quality impairment on rivers and streams. We are now working on Audubon's strategy for river protection, focusing on the Rio Grande and Gila River basins.

IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS

The IBA program, coordinated in the U.S. by the National Audubon Society and in other parts of the world by Bird Life International, enables scientists and citizen scientists to identify places essential to wild birds for breeding, wintering or migrating. We are compiling a web-based and printed atlas of New Mexico's rich and varied Important Bird Areas that chronicles conservation plans for each site. Local schools, Audubon chapter members and other groups are encouraged to adopt and help monitor an IBA.

THE RIO GRANDE – New Mexico's Legendary Waterway

Beginning in 2001, Audubon New Mexico joined efforts to conserve and protect the Rio Grande ecosystem, home to the largest remaining riparian *bosque* in the Southwest. The National Audubon Society, through Audubon New Mexico, Audubon Colorado, Audubon Texas and partners in Mexico, is now inaugurating a major national and

international campaign to ensure a healthy and flowing Rio Grande for future generations.

BIRD COUNTS and the BIRDS AROUND US

Audubon members flock to the Christmas Bird Count and the Great Backyard Bird Count to gather critical census information that is used for habitat conservation and to influence protection policies. We also provide information on gardens and habitat restoration that you can do at home to attract birds, butterflies and other wildlife – healthy places for critters and people.

Conservation Priorities for 2008:

Habitat and Protection

Shortgrass Prairie grasslands

Otero Mesa

Rio Grande

Gila River

Advocacy

Insufficient citizen involvement with conservation Action

Endangered Species Protection

Mexican Wolf

Lesser Prairie-Chicken/Sand Dune Lizard

Southwest Willow Flycatcher

Research and Information Gathering

Inadequate Bird Population Data

National Level Conservation Issues

Energy Policy

Farm Bill

Reform of 1872 Mining Act

NEAP, ESA, CWA

Restoring the Rio

Associated 501(c)4: No

Resources

- Four Audubon chapters across state with thousands of volunteers
- Beautiful education center and facility: The Randall Davey Audubon Center and the Nature Conservancy Santa Fe Canyon Preserve, a 190-acres of open space that offers a thriving bosque of cottonwood and willow trees, a pond, the ruins of an historic Victorian-era dam, hiking trails, more than 140 species of birds and the original route of the Santa Fe River.

- Environmental education/outreach and internships: Classes are adapted for different age groups and are filled with science investigations, nature explorations, creative arts, history, stories, hiking, and active play in the outdoors.
- *Birds for a Purpose* is the focus of outreach conducted all over the state of New Mexico. In the summer months, local children flock to the Audubon Center for an eight-week summer camp filled with arts and crafts, outdoor activities, hiking, and natural history. The Education Department relies upon interns from colleges and universities and has an active volunteer program.

Partners and Allies

We have partners at all levels: federal, state, local, tribal, community, volunteers, children, etc. Our allies include representatives from the legislative and executive branches.

Coalitions

There is a current concerted effort to be united. The Environmental Alliance of New Mexico (EANM) has been formed. We've developed ground rules for our agenda and strategies to acquire recurring state funds for conservation. Conservation Voters New Mexico has led the group so far – Sandy Buffet, Executive Director. sandy@cvmn.org or 505-992-8683.

Description of work & roles among coalition members:
Ground rules to develop an agenda, go after funding.

Policy Agenda and Planning for 2010 and beyond: Recurring state funds for conservation.

New Partners

- Tribes – working on restoration projects and bird surveys
- Social justice folks—working on river protection and outdoor education
- Youth and family services folks – working on outdoor and nature education for all kids
- Farmers – educating the public about the importance of pollinators

Interested in policy collaborations:

Yes, though our capacity is limited right now. We firmly believe that partnerships are key.

Environment New Mexico and the Environment New Mexico Research & Policy Center

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Mission & Constituents

Environment New Mexico is a state-wide environmental advocacy organization, representing more than 5,000 New Mexicans. Environment New Mexico works to achieve the solutions to global warming, protect New Mexico's limited water supply, promote clean, renewable energy and preserve our state's open spaces. Environment New Mexico is the new home of NMPIRG's environmental work.

Advocate at: Local, regional, statewide and national levels with an emphasis on statewide advocacy.

Current Priorities

Global Warming-Scientists agree that global warming is real and that bold, quick action is needed to avoid the worst effects of a warming planet.

- Environment New Mexico is working with Governor Richardson to secure a strong, regional global warming program, through the Western Climate Initiative, an agreement between 7 Western Governors to develop a regional cap and trade program and other complimentary policies.
- With the City of Albuquerque to develop a city-wide greenhouse gas registry and Climate Action Plan.
- To achieve strong energy efficiency goals and programs, like an energy efficiency standard passed during the 2008 legislative session, and at the state and national level on strong renewable electricity standards that require utilities to provide a certain percentage of their electricity from renewable sources, like solar and wind.

Preservation-New Mexico's deserts, grasslands, mountains, forests and rivers give our state its character and provide critical habitat for plants and animals.

5. To protect New Mexico's treasured places, Environment New Mexico is working to protect the Gila River—New Mexico's last free-flowing river—from drainage and diversion projects.
6. To promote dedicated funding for state parks and trails, such as the Rio Grande Trail, which provide New Mexicans with opportunity's to connect with the outdoors.
7. To protect our national forests, parks, roadless areas and other open space from toxic mining, oil and gas development and other destructive practices.

Transportation and Land Use— Because of sprawling development, automobile dependence and a lack of public transportation, our cars, trucks and SUVs are contributing to global warming and air pollution.

- Environment New Mexico is working to make sure that vehicles pollute less and that New Mexican's have viable public transportation choices and walkable/bikeable communities.
- In 2008, Environment New Mexico worked to adopt a Clean Cars Program, which will reduce greenhouse gases by about 30% from new vehicles, and slash cancer-causing and smog-forming pollution.
- We're working to stop developer subsidies that encourage sprawl, like tax increment financing (TIF) and put in place smart growth policies, like Great Streets and transit-oriented development.

Recent Policy Successes:

- Renewable Electricity Standard- After working to put in place the original RES, Environment New Mexico worked to double the standard to 20% by 2020, during the 2007 legislative session.
- Clean Cars Program- We successfully advocated for a Clean Cars Program, which was adopted by the Environmental Improvement Board and the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board in November 2007. The program will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, hazardous air pollution and require manufacturers to invest in and sell an increasing number of advanced-technology vehicles. Despite overwhelming public support (who provided more than 2,000 public comments in support of the program), car manufacturers and dealers have aggressively opposed the program.
- Energy Efficiency Standard- During the 2008 legislative session, we worked to pass a bill that will require utilities to achieve 10% energy savings, helping to reduce our energy consumption and lower utility bills.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010

Legislative:

- National Renewable Electricity Standard
- National 1872 Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act, reforming a century-old mining law
- National Clean Water Restoration Act
- State enabling legislation for the Western Climate Initiative
- State and local Tax Increment Financing Reform
- State funding for the Rio Grande Trail, and other state-wide trail projects
- State funding for river restoration
- Local smart growth policies

Regulatory:

- State rulemakings for the Western Climate Initiative

Executive:

- National issuance of California waiver, needed to implement the greenhouse gas portion of the Clean Cars Program

Associated 501(c) 4: Yes, Environment New Mexico. The Environment New Mexico Research & Policy Center is our C3.

Resources

We use media, direct advocacy, research and reports, grassroots actions and coalition-building.

Partners

Other environmental advocates, environmental justice advocates, public health advocates, faith groups, consumer advocates, hunting/fishing groups, low-income advocates, children's advocates.

Allies in government

We work with state legislators, city councilors, mayors, the Governor and staff for each, as well as state agencies.

Coalitions

Coalition for Clean, Affordable Energy (CCAEE): Executive Director, Gail Ryba

The coalition is composed of other advocates working to stop global warming and promote clean, renewable energy. Committees and subcommittees exist to develop policy positions, etc. I am the chair of the Transportation and Land Use Committee.

New Partners:

Our organization is absolutely considering working with partners in different fields. It is important to build bridges with planners, farmers/ranchers, businesses, Chambers of Commerce, etc.

Policy Collaboration

Yes, we are interested in strategic planning with new and old partners.

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Mission:

NRDC works on a broad range of issues as we pursue our mission to safeguard the Earth; its people, its plants and animals, and the natural systems on which all life

depends. Voices from across the political spectrum say oil dependence is bad for America's national security, economy and environment. We have a suite of solutions on hand that can help free us from oil addiction. By using better fuels, better cars and creating more livable walkable communities, we can usher in a clean, secure energy future for America.

Advocate at: Local level by working with the Public Regulatory Commission in New Mexico on electric utility procurement.

Current Priorities:

- Energy efficiency
- Clean renewable energy
- Utility procurement
- Global warming
- Cap & Trade issues
- Seventy different policies to reduce greenhouse gases as part of the Climate Change Advisory Group and the Western Climate Initiative (cap and trade issues)
- No nuclear energy or coal-burning fossil fuels

Successes:

Success in 2008 with the passage of HB 305 requiring utilities to do all cost-effective energy efficiency.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010:

Two specific policy areas in cap & trade with the Western Climate Initiative:

- To offset policies of effective land use
- Pollution credits and auctioned offsets and allocations for farmland preservation

Associated 501(c)4: Not in New Mexico.

Partners

Environment New Mexico

1000 Friends of New Mexico

New Mexico Environmental Law Center

Western Climate Initiative regarding cap and trade issues

Nature Conservancy and Trust for Public Land regarding cap and trade issues

Gila Reservation

Coalitions: NRDC is a member of the CCAE-Coalition for Clean and Affordable Energy

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Mission:

To protect the natural environment and communities of New Mexico through legal representation, policy advocacy and public education.

Constituents:

We primarily represent communities that could not otherwise afford legal counsel; 38% of our clients represent Hispanic communities, and 25% represent Native American communities.

Advocate at: Local, regional, state, tribal and federal levels.

Current Priorities:

NMELC is the only non-profit law firm in New Mexico to specialize in environmental justice casework. The majority of our work is to protect water quality and quantity, air quality, sacred sites, and/or human health from resource extraction (hardrock mining and energy production), manufacturing facilities, and solid waste sites.

Successes:

NMELC has been key to the passage of several laws that are protective of New Mexico's environment and public health, including

- the NM Mining Act, the most stringent in the U.S.;
- the NM Solid Waste Act and its supporting regulations, which include the most stringent incinerator regulations in the country, as well as provisions that protect low-income communities;
- and the Diné Natural Resources Protection Act, which bans uranium mining in Navajo communities.

Challenges:

Our primary challenge has been our lack of resources to work with a full-time, paid lobbyist who can educate lawmakers on a year-round basis.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010

- In the next two years, the Law Center will work to promote the adoption of environmental justice provisions into the regulations that implement the NM Hazardous Waste Act, the NM Air Quality Act and the NM Water Quality Act.
- We will also work to promote more accountability for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and lobby for changes to federal laws in order to classify uranium as a pollutant. We are currently working to reform the federal 1872 Mining Law.

We will also be working to prevent the passage of laws that benefit industry to the detriment of our state's environment and people.

- Through our casework, we will continue to push for precedents that will protect water, air, land, sacred sites, and human health.

Associated 501(c) 4: No

Resources

NMELC attorneys have extensive knowledge of state and federal environmental regulations and laws. In addition, they have significant experience lobbying the New Mexico legislature on environmental and environmental justice issues.

Partners

NMELC represents and/or works in coalition with nearly every major environmental and environmental justice organization in New Mexico. Long-standing clients include: Amigos Bravos, SouthWest Organizing Project, Southwest Research and Information Center, Eastern Navajo Diné Against Uranium Mining, and Taos Pueblo.

Allies in government

NMELC staff has cultivated strong relationships with several state Senators and Representatives as well as key regulators in state agency positions. In addition, we have good working relationships with U.S. Rep. Tom Udall and Senator Jeff Bingaman.

Coalitions

In these coalitions, NMELC staff provides legal consultation, and assist with strategizing, lobbying, and fundraising.

- New Mexicans for Sustainable Energy and Environmental Stewardship - working on New Mexico nuclear facility accountability and reclamation. Administrator: Don Hancock, Southwest Research and Information Center (505) 262-1862 | sricdon@earthlink.net
- Environmental Justice Working Group of the Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice (SNEEJ) - working on environmental justice issues. Administrator: Bianca Encinias, SNEEJ – (505) 242-0416 | msbianca@sneej.org
- 1872 Mining Law Reform Coalition. Administrator: Nathan Newcomer, New Mexico Wilderness Alliance, (505) 843-8696 | nathan@nmwild.org
- Common Ground United – working on oil and gas issues in Santa Fe County. Administrator: Gwen Lachelt, Oil and Gas Accountability Project 970-259-3353 | gwen@ogap.org
- Environment Alliance New Mexico – working on environmental and environmental justice priorities for 2009 state legislative session. Administrator: Sandy Buffett, Conservation Voters New Mexico – (505) 992-8683 | sandy@cvmn.org

Policy Agenda and Planning for 2010 and beyond: NMELC will continue most of its casework through 2010, including our work to prevent uranium mining in Navajo

communities, to ensure that major hardrock mines are reclaimed, to prevent the siting of solid waste and other polluting facilities in low-income and minority neighborhoods, and to ensure safe water supplies. In the legislature, we will advocate for proposed legislation that promotes environmental protection and environmental justice, while fighting proposed legislation that would be detrimental to human health and the environment.

New Partners

In the past, NMELC has worked with public health officials to promote the Precautionary Principle and stronger regulations concerning mercury.

Policy Collaboration

Yes, we are interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives.

New Mexico Land Conservancy (NMLC)

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Mission:

NMLC is a statewide, non-profit land trust dedicated to land conservation. NMLC's mission is to help preserve New Mexico's land heritage by protecting significant wildlife habitat, productive agricultural land, scenic open space, cultural and historic sites, and recreational land for conservation purposes and public benefit. NMLC uses a variety of voluntary, land protection; conservation planning; information and outreach; technical assistance and capacity building; policy and legislative; and fundraising methods and activities to achieve its goals and mission.

Constituents:

NMLC's constituents include ranchers, farmers and other private landowners, and the general public that supports conservation. NMLC collaborates with public agencies dedicated to land and resource management, other conservation organizations, academic institutions, conservation developers and realtors, tax and estate planning attorneys.

Advocate at: Local, regional, and statewide levels.

Current Priorities

- NMLC is working on a number of conservation easement projects around the state.
- In terms of policy work, NMLC was involved in the expansion of the NM state tax credit for land conservation, which was passed during the 2007 legislative session, increasing the existing tax credit from \$100,000 to \$250,000, and making it transferable.
- NMLC is currently working with the NM Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department on the new administrative rule and regulations that will guide how this program is administered by the State.
- NMLC has been providing input to the NM congressional delegation about the value of the federal tax benefits for landowners who donate easements for conservation purposes.
- Two national bills have been introduced, one in the House and the other in the Senate, to extend the federal tax deductions for conservation easement donations that were provided under the Pension Protection Act of 2006, which expired in December 2007. If Congress does not act before the end of this year, the federal deductions will revert back to the pre-2006 levels, which were significantly lower.

Successes

- NMLC was involved in the expansion of the NM state tax credit for land conservation, which was passed during the 2007 legislative session, which increased the existing tax credit from \$100,000 to \$250,000, and made it transferable (so that landowners could sell the credits on the open market at a discounted rate).
- NMLC has been working for the past three years with a coalition of conservation, agricultural and recreation organizations to try to create some recurring, dedicated state funding for land conservation and clean energy (fee acquisitions, conservation easements, habitat restoration and management, clean energy) through the Land, Wildlife and Clean Energy Initiative. The coalition was attempting to use a portion of the revenues generated by an existing tax on oil and gas production to create a Land, Wildlife, Clean Energy Program within the NM Energy, Mineral and Natural Resources Department that would be funded at a level of \$10 million annually for a ten-year period. This funding could be used to match/leverage various federal funding sources.
- The coalition secured a couple of small, one-time appropriations for land conservation (\$5 million in FY05 for the NM Game & Fish Department and \$3.5 million in FY07 for the NM Energy, Mineral and Natural Resources Department), but it has been unsuccessful in securing long-term, recurring funding.

Challenges

- There is a lack of public awareness about conservation easements (particularly within the agricultural sector).
- Resistance by state legislators to give up their annual appropriation authority and earmark over extended periods of time.

- There is an anti-donation clause in the state constitutions that doesn't permit non-governmental entities to directly hold real estate interests acquired with state funding
- Prohibition by the state constitution of voter referenda.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010

We will continue to partner with interested organizations to pursue recurring, dedicated state funding for land conservation. A new strategy may be to pursue a general obligation bond for this purpose through the state legislature.

Associated 501(c) 4: No.

Resources

Our current internal capacity and funding for policy work is limited. Currently, only the Executive Director engages in policy issues with some support from Board members. We can offer a network of supportive private landowners and organizations.

Partners

We work with governmental agencies involved with land and resource management, other land trusts and conservation organizations, and some agricultural groups.

Allies in government

We have allies in the NM Energy, Mineral and Natural Resources Department, NM Division of Forestry, NM Game & Fish Department, NM State Parks, NM Department of Agriculture, some Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and local county and municipal open space groups.

Coalitions

- Land and Wildlife Coalition included The Nature Conservancy, Trust for Public Land, NM Conservation Voters, various NM land trusts, various state agencies, many wildlife groups, several agricultural groups, several recreation groups, among others.
- Clean Energy Coalition
- Both coalitions work on outreach, communications, policy, lobbying, funding subcommittees

Policy Agenda and Planning for 2010 and beyond

- Working to create and sustain recurring, dedicated state funding for land conservation until it passes.
- Working to sustain and enhance the existing state tax credit for land conservation.

New Partners

We would be interested in doing outreach to, planning with and engaging agricultural groups (NM Food & Agriculture Policy Council, NM Farmer's Market Association, NM Cattlegrower's Association, Northern NM Stockgrower's Association, NM Livestock &

Dairy Association, NM Farm Bureau, NM Soil & Water Conservation Districts, NM Acequia Association, watershed associations) in initiatives to secure state funding for private land conservation.

Policy Collaboration

We are definitely interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives.

Rio Grande Restoration

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Mission: To provide an improved flow regime for the Rio Grande. We are an educational and advocacy group involved in water policy and ecosystem management in New Mexico and the Southwest. The whole Rio Grande Basin is within the US states of Colorado, New Mexico, Texas and five states in Mexico.

Advocate at: Local, regional, statewide, national and tribal levels. We principally work at the irrigation district level and state level.

Current Priorities

Issues and Projects

- Overall allocation of Rio Grande water: an elaborate socio-political system has been developed to divide the waters of the Rio Grande over a century and a half. These institutions unfortunately do not respond to emerging values such as equity among water users, tribal claims, municipal water development and the needs of the environment.
- Protection of the agro-ecological system: in a market economy, the rights to use water tend to flow to the highest economic value. Unfortunately, the highest value in the current economic system is municipal water utilities- so water rights and water are inexorably being transferred from agriculture to urban uses. This begs the question of food security in the Southwest.
- Ecological restoration: So much water is diverted from the Rio Grande for consumptive uses that the river no longer flows in its historic patterns. The result of so much abstraction of water is that ecosystems that have evolved with the natural flow regime find themselves endangered by the present highly modified flow regime. A prime example is the invasion of riparian lands by non-native vegetation.

Processes

- Modifying surface water regulations to recognize environmental use as a beneficial use of water.
- We're engaged in the process of establishing criteria for the public welfare which is mandated by statute to be considered in approving water transfers and new appropriations of water. Public welfare criteria are not being considered, especially with farming and ecology.
- We're exploring the potential for a program for agricultural forbearance/water leasing, in which willing irrigators voluntarily interrupt irrigation for all or part of a season. The water thus saved goes into storage to be used for ecosystem management. One desired result of this is to reduce the market pressure on small farmers to dry their lands permanently.
- With regard to ecological restoration, we are initiating projects on several scales from landscape to basin which restore such values as the function of river channels. Reestablishing river functions such as the ability of the river to transport sediment and maintain natural channels encourages floodplain connectivity and increases habitat form and diversity. We accomplish this through soft engineering without the use of levies and jetties.
- Water conservation and land use planning as well.
- The most fun we have is when we do field tours for decision makers, and actual hands-on river restoration with school age children. These tours teach citizens and decision-makers of all ages about their role in the hydrologic cycle. Children learn about their unmet needs of the river system.

Successes:

- In 1996 we negotiated with the Rio Grande Conservation district in Colorado for minimum drought year flow at the CO/NM state line.
- In 2004, we engineered passage of NM's Strategic River Reserve. This is in statute now and present work is assisting the state in developing implementation of the reserve.

Challenges:

- The Rio Grande is such a complex system, many water users are already feeling threatened. There's a great deal of inertia in the policy field.
- Fear of reigniting the water wars with policy makers.
- There are thirty-two governmental entities with jurisdiction of one element or other of water management. These include international, national, state, special purpose districts (irrigation and soil and water districts, conservancy districts, water and sanitation districts, etc) to name a few. Individuals that are in active decision or administrative capacities would like to see how to reform this system to make it work better but are overwhelmed by this jurisdictional matrix.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010

1. Amending surface water regulations with the New Mexico State Engineer's to permit instream flows as a beneficial use.
2. Developing a legislative program to provide environmental flow regimes with the Nature Conservancy and World Wildlife Fund.
3. Achieving funding and a strategic plan for implementation of a congressional authorization, Water Resources Development Act of 2007, which is "Rio Grande Environmental Management." This plan was authorized without an appropriation.
4. Formulating a business plan for the New Mexico Strategic River Reserve which gives statutory authority to the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission to acquire water rights for interstate compact and endangered species compliance.

Associated 501(c) 4: No.

Resources

- We have an elaborate network of knowledgeable public and private parties, and a cadre of school teachers who bring children to the river.
- We have one of the better water resources library in the Southwest.

Partners:

- Nature Conservancy,
- World Wildlife Fund
- UNM Utton Transboundary Resource Center
- Amigos Bravos
- Western Environmental Law Center
- Gila Conservation Coalition
- Assessment Payers Association of the MRGCD (middle-rio grande conservancy district between Cochiti and Elephant Butte)
- Taos Pueblo
- NM Wildlife Federation

Allies in government:

Representative Mimi Stewart, Representative Peter Wirth, Senator Carlos Cisneros, US Senator Jeff Bingaman, Staff of Governor Bill Richardson, and administrative agencies including the Bureau of Reclamation, NM Interstate Stream Commission, NM Environment Department, UNM and NMSU

New Partners:

We would like to work directly with agricultural community leaders on the basis of dialogue and problem solving.

Southwest Research and Information Center

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Mission:

Southwest Research and Information Center is a multicultural organization working to promote the health of people and communities, protect natural resources, ensure citizen participation, and secure environmental and social justice now and for future generations. Our work primarily focuses on New Mexico and the Southwest, but we do some work in other parts of the U.S. and internationally.

Advocate at: Local, statewide, and national levels.

Current Priorities:

- Stopping new uranium development, cleanup of uranium sites and victims compensation.
- Stopping new nuclear weapons and plans for plutonium pit production at Los Alamos.
- Promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency.

Successes:

- Supported enactment of the Diné Natural Resources Protection Act, which bans uranium mining and processing on Navajo lands and Indian Country
- Supported enactment of the New Mexico Mining Act.
- Supported enactment of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act.
- Supported enactment of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act.
- Delayed the opening of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant until regulatory requirements were established and met.

Associated 501(c) 4: No.

Resources: Research, technical assistance, some media contacts.

Partners

Coalition for Clean Affordable Energy

Environmental Justice Working Group

Multicultural Alliance for Safe Environment

New Mexicans for Sustainable Energy and Effective Stewardship

Numerous community groups

New Partners: We regularly work with “new” partners. and we are interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives.

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Mission:

The Sacred Alliances for Grassroots Accountability (SAGE Council) is an Indigenous and People of Color-led organization using community organizing to build power through action, education, leadership development and political participation. Our commitment to social change and self-determination is based in spirituality that honors Mother Earth and all peoples.

Constituents: Primarily urban Native Americans

Advocate at: Locally and tribal. We work primarily in Albuquerque and with the New Mexico tribes.

Current Priorities

Native American Voters Alliance

We are currently working on the Native American Voters Alliance program. We are working to build an active, informed and organized Native American electorate. We currently have a base of about 5,000 urban Indian people living in NM. We will host the NAVA Statewide convention in late July. We have a small advisory council made up of former tribal leaders and Native American County Commissioners.

We are partnered with the Center for Civic Policy to maximize our GOTV resources, to strengthen our legislative accountability work and to concretely analyze our effectiveness among voters.

Urban Indian Healthcare

We work in coalition with several Native American organizations on the urban Indian healthcare crisis. We've identified key solutions and have worked to get legislation passed that included funding for the First Nations Community Health Center. (See Policy Victory). Through our leadership, we've been able to build unity among the Urban Indian population and the Tribal leadership, which has, in the past, had tension over resources.

SAGE Youth Council

We host a SAGE Council club at the Native American Community Academy. We are working with Native American 6th-8th graders at NACA introducing them to social justice issues, utilizing Community Organizing techniques. This work enhances our ability ensure intergenerational work.

Protect the Sacred Planet

We are working in coalition with a variety of organizations to Protect the Planet. We are currently involved in protection of Mt. Taylor, a recognized Native American sacred mountain from being re-opened for Uranium Mining. We are also beginning our Sacred site run (from the Petroglyphs to Mt. Taylor) in which to begin our membership education on Water.

Successes:

Our most recent policy victory is the passage of HB 236 – “The Bernalillo County Off-Reservation Native American Healthcare Commission”. This bill is a beginning step to relieve chronic funding shortages for Urban Indian people. Commission members will identify and secure alternative funding for health care services; identify gaps and duplication of services and resources; complete a cross-jurisdictional budget analysis of healthcare services available to the urban Indian community. This Commission is funded through the general House Bill appropriations for at least the first year. Governor Richardson has agreed to ensure the proper amount of funding for the duration of the commission.

Challenges:

We also lost our 10-year battle to protect the Petroglyph National Monument from road development. Through that fight we learned about Smart Growth tenets (infrastructure, taxes, capital outlay processes, etc.), the science of GOTV programs, Sacred Site legislation (or lack thereof), media wars and local politics.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010:

We will continue to push for Urban Indian healthcare solutions as well as play defense on the push to re-open Uranium Mining in New Mexico. However, we will begin to develop our new strategic plan, thus, we have not outlined any new policies we will seek to implement.

Associated 501(c)4: No.

Resources: Power Analysis, grassroots issue-education campaigns, Sacred site legislation and Get-Out-the-Vote campaigns.

Partners:

Center for Civic Policy based in Albuquerque
Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP)
Common Cause NM
Conservation Voters of New Mexico
New Mexico Youth Organized

Other key allied organizations include: National Indian Youth Council, Multi-Cultural Alliance for a Safe Environment (MASE), and the NM Environmental Law Center.

Allies in government: Yes! We have quite a few allies in the Albuquerque City Council, the NM State Legislature, Tribal Officials and County Commissioners.

New Partners: Yes, we are new to the healthcare coalitions.

Policy Collaborations: Yes, we are interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives.

The Trust for Public Land

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Mission:

The Trust for Public Land ("TPL") is a national land conservation organization with a New Mexico state office whose mission is to conserve land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens, and other natural spaces, ensuring livable communities for generations to come.

Advocate at: TPL advocates at the local, regional, statewide, national and tribal levels. The New Mexico program has a very active tribal lands program and advocates on a state and local level as well.

Current Priorities:

In addition to our land conservation transaction work, TPL advocates for funding for land conservation. In that regard, we have been very active lately in lobbying and advocating on a state level to create a permanent or semi- permanent funding source for conservation. New Mexico is one of the very few western states without some sort of statewide conservation funding. We also work with cities, counties and town to help them create funding for land conservation, as well as plan for future growth.

Successes:

Although a coalition of conservation and environmental organizations were unable to pass the Land, Wildlife and Clean Energy bill that was proposed in both the 2006 and 2007 legislative sessions, TPL was successful in obtaining funding for individual land conservation projects throughout the state, as well as partnering with other organizations to advocate for one-time state appropriations for land conservation.

In 2007, \$2.5 million in funding for land conservation was appropriated to the state's Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department.

In 2008, \$ 1.5 million was appropriated. These are small amounts and one- time appropriations, but they are more then has been appropriated in the past.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010: Once again, TPL will be working with conservation and environmental partners to get more funding for land acquisition and conservation easements on local, state, tribal and federal levels.

Associated 501(c) 4: Yes, The Conservation Campaign. They recently launched a website with nationwide information about conservation funding at www.ConservationAlmanac.org

Resources:

We have great expertise through our 501 (c)(4), many local volunteers and media contacts, and knowledge of the conservation community, as well as land use and land conservation issues in New Mexico.

Partners

We work with all the conservation organizations: World Wildlife Fund, Audubon, The Nature Conservancy, Taos Land Trust, New Mexico Land Conservancy, Santa Fe Conservation Trust, Rio Grande Land trust, as well as Conservation Voters New Mexico, and other environmental organizations.

Allies in government

Yes, we have very close relationships with the Governors office, key state legislators, all of the federal agencies (BLM, National Park Service, US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife), city and county leadership throughout the state, and various state agencies (Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources, Game and Fish, State Parks).

Coalitions

We were a part of a coalition that tried to pass a land conservation bill in 2006 and 2007 called LWCE (Land, Wildlife and Clean Energy). This coalition has somewhat disbanded, but consists of many of the organizations listed in question D.

New Partners

Yes, we are looking to work with partners in the public health arena and making the connection between access to open space/parks and trails and public health. We are also interested in local food issues and assuring access to and availability of land conservation tools to assure land for farmers and protecting agricultural lands. And we would like to continue partnering with tribes to help them buy back sacred and important land for their history, culture and quality of life.

Policy Collaboration

Yes, we are interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives.

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Mission

The mission of **CVNM** is to make sensible conservation policies a top priority for elected officials, political candidates, and voters across the state. We do this by:

- Educating legislators and the public on critical conservation issues;
- Lobbying on behalf of pro-conservation legislation;
- Holding legislators accountable for decisions that impact the environment; and
- Endorsing and electing pro-conservation candidates to public office.

The mission of **CVNM-EF** is to making the protection of our natural heritage and cherished way of life a top priority for elected officials, political candidates, and voters across the state. We do this by:

- Educating and mobilizing voters to advocate for positive changes in environmental policies;
- Increasing the capacity of the environmental community in New Mexico; and
- Elevating the importance of environmental issues in the electoral process.

Advocate at: local, regional and statewide levels. CVNM has worked with tribal groups on specific legislative initiatives.

Current Priorities

- Our c(4) and PAC are focused on electing pro-conservation officials to the state legislature and PRC during the 2008 cycle
- Our c(3) is working on several programs:
 - Identifying and engaging pro-conservation voters in the 2008 election
 - Building relationships with voters outside the major metro areas on conservation issues, as they relate to their daily lives
 - Creating a Common Agenda process for the environmental community (Environmental Alliance of New Mexico) – aimed at prioritizing our legislative efforts for the 2009 session
 - Expanding and refining Protect NM, which is our publicly-accessible online legislative information and tracking system for conservation bills and measures
 - Working with our allies in the environmental policy area on critical issues, such as climate change, water policy and river health, growth and land use, oil and gas development, uranium mining, etc.

Successes:

- We've maintained a 100% defensive success rate at the State Legislature – stopping every attempt to roll back New Mexico's environmental standards

- We've worked with our allies to pass dozens of pro-conservation measures in the areas of renewable energy, energy efficiency, wildlife and wilderness, air quality, water policy, land use, etc.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010

We will be working with our Common Agenda allies in the Environmental Alliance of New Mexico to prioritize legislative efforts, which will likely involve environmental impact assessment, land use/planning reform, major action on climate change, river health initiatives, and accountability of oil & gas.

Associated 501(c) 4: Yes, Conservation Voters NM, which has an affiliated PAC: CVNM Action Fund

C. Resources

- Our focus is not on policy per se (beyond direct and grassroots lobbying during the legislative session and the legislative interim);
- Our goal is to make the work of our allies in the policy community easier, by making conservation issues a priority for elected officials and voters, and by building the capacity of the environmental community.

Partners

We have over thirty organizational partners in various initiatives with whom we work; many are part of the Environmental Alliance of New Mexico, while others are part of other networks or coalitions; several are just organization-to-organization partnerships.

Allies: Many, in both the legislative and executive branches.

E. Coalitions

- Environmental Alliance of New Mexico (EANM). EANM's member organizations, representing 30,000 NM voters are:

1000 Friends of New Mexico	Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP)
Animal Protection Voters	NM Coalition for Clean Affordable Energy
Amigos Bravos	New Mexico Environmental Law Center
Audubon New Mexico	New Mexico Wilderness Alliance
Conservations Voters New Mexico	New Mexico Wildlife Federation
Defenders of Wildlife	The Sierra Club
Dooda Desert Rock	The Natural Resources Defense Council
Environment New Mexico	The Nature Conservancy
Center for Civic Policy (CCP)	The Trust for Public Land
Oil and Gas Accountability Project (OGAP)	The World Wildlife Fund
- Quality Growth Alliance-Las Cruces
- New Mexico Voices for Children (lead organization on TIDD reform legislation)
- Tax Increment for Development Districts policy working group (ad hoc)
- Climate Change working group (ad hoc)

- Our c(4) is part of a number of other coalitions, including Progressive Action NM and America Votes

Policy Agenda and Planning for 2010 and beyond: Ongoing planning within our organization and EANM; in 2008, we focused on the electoral cycle; 2009 – focus on legislature and some municipal elections; 2010 will be elections for statewide offices.

New Partners

Within our program areas (voter engagement and action, etc.), we are always trying to engage with new partners. We are not a policy organization, so our resources to engage in policy activities is limited.

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Mission

"Explore, enjoy and protect the planet"

Constituents

Our members and the general public

Advocate at: local, regional, state, national and international levels.

B. Current Priorities

- Green energy and global warming
- Preserving our wildlands and wildlife legacy
- Healthy communities (i.e. working with pollution issues, such as power plants)
- Specifically, we are working on making Santa Fe a Cool City, with the least possible carbon footprint, the best achievable sustainable lifestyle, including vastly improved public transportation and the support of local agriculture, etc.

Successes

Helped save the Valle Vidal from coal bed methane gas development.

Helped make Ojito a Wilderness.

Got HB305 passed (energy efficiency bill) this legislature. Helped achieve the California Clean Cars standards.

Challenges

- Working with a somewhat lethargic public
- Big corporations only looking at the most profit
- A national administration who refuses to recognize the critical issues of global warming
- Too few volunteers and activists

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010

- Clean Car emissions
- Cleaning up the Four Corners and San Juan power plants
- Stopping the construction of the Desert Rock Power Plant
- Achieving a renewables portfolio for electricity
- Tax credits for wind and solar at the state and national levels
- Building incentives for energy efficiency into public utilities
- Making the Sabinosa WSA into a Wilderness area
- Keeping drilling out of Santa Fe County and Otero Mesa
- Working with the Forest Service on their Travel Management Plan to ensure our forests stay healthy, etc.

Associated 501(c) 4: We are a 501(c) 4 organization, and have a national Foundation that is 501(c) 3.

C. Resources

We have 2000 plus members in the Santa Fe area, 7000 plus in the Rio Grande Chapter (NM and El Paso), 700,000 plus nationally. We have access to research done by volunteers and staff across the country. We have staff in Albuquerque who has been working on media contacts.

D. Partners

Over the years we have worked with many other environmental organizations including the NM Environmental Law Center, PIRG, Defenders of Wildlife, NRDC, CCAE, Forest Guardians, League of Conservation Voters, NM Conservation Voters, World Wildlife Fund, NMWA, Center for Biological Diversity, Great Old Broads for Wilderness, Quivira Coalition, Valles Caldera Coalition, etc.

Allies

We have worked with various legislators and NM state departments over time.

E. Coalitions

We usually collaborate with other organizations, though sometimes are in a formal coalition, as in the Valle Vidal Coalition.

Description of work & roles among coalition members:

When the coal bed methane was an issue, we had monthly conference calls, face to face meetings, field trips, meetings with the Congressional delegation, etc.

F. New Partners

Has your organization considered working with partners in a different field? Yes, hunters and fishermen, people of faith, ranchers and farmers, unions, people of color.

Are you interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives? Yes.

SouthWest Energy Alliance

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Mission

The SouthWest Energy Alliance is dedicated to researching, informing and advocating for all the citizens of the southwest in all energy matters. The Alliance encourages and supports the responsible use of energy, and is committed to exploring and supporting the implementation of clean and renewable energy solutions.

Advocate at: We do advocacy at the city and state level and educational work at the local level.

B. Current Priorities

Energy: creating a city and county energy policy (doesn't currently exist)

Various PRC filings of El Paso Electric

Advocating for more progressive utility policies to include energy efficiency, more renewables, and more effective future planning to prevent energy shortfalls and crises.

Associated 501(c) 4: No. SWEA has a fiscal agent which is a 501 (c) 3, the Southern New Mexico Community Alliance.

C. Resources

We have a core of ten active members in SWEA and the Quality Growth Alliance who are interested in specific issues and research them. Our members are working on arroyo preservation and maintenance, and city ordinances as examples.

D. Partners

We partner extensively with Coalition for Clean and Affordable Energy (CCAEE)
Center for Advancing Sustainable Architecture (CASA)

National Resources Defense Council
New Energy Economy (John Fogarty) and One Sky

Allies in government

We work with Representative Nate Codey, Rep. Jeff Steinborn, Cisco Mc Sorley
In local government, we have good relations with Las Cruces city councilors Ken Miyagishima, Thomas, Silva, and Small. At the county level we work with Karen Perez and Oscar (Vasquez) Butler

Coalitions: Coalition for Clean Affordable Energy

Policy Collaborations

Yes, absolutely, we are always interested in new perspectives

Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice

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Mission:

The Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice exists to bring together activists and grassroots organizations from across the Southwest, West, and border states of Mexico. Our purpose is to develop and broaden collective regional strategies and perspectives on environmental degradation and other social, racial, generational, economic, and gender injustices. The Southwest Network recognizes the direct link between economic and environmental issues. As indigenous people and people of color, we recognize that the demand for a safe, clean environment and workplace can only be achieved by building a multiracial, multicultural, multi-generational, and international movement with gender equality that promotes environmental and economic justice. Furthermore, sustainable economic development alternatives must be defined by the communities most impacted by these policies. The Southwest Network supports the struggle for sovereignty of indigenous people and tribes. We affirm our spirituality and our holistic oneness with Mother Earth.

Constituents:

The Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice (Southwest Network) is a people of color, multi-issue, regional, bi-national organization comprising 60 grassroots community-based, native, labor, youth and student groups and organizations

working for environmental and economic justice in the southwest and western U.S. and northern Mexico. The Southwest Network was established in 1990 as a vehicle for regional and national empowerment created by and for grassroots organizations. The Southwest Network has been a successful model of bringing together organizations from different cultures, primarily Latino, Native American, Asian-Pacific Islander, and African American communities, to overcome racial divisions, build capacity, and develop common strategies for community and worker empowerment. Overcoming cultural barriers has been essential to allowing us to impact policy beyond the local level.

Advocate at: regional, statewide and national levels.

Current Priorities

Key Areas: Administrative, Regulatory, Legislative policy

In 2003, the Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice initiated the New Mexico Environmental Justice Working Group (NM EJ Working Group) to develop a common agenda to address environmental justice issues within New Mexico. The vision embodied in this project supports ongoing grassroots efforts to take a preventative approach to environmental degradation and health disparities from polluting facilities by encouraging the fundamental right of all New Mexicans in particular low-income, communities of color to participate meaningfully in the development of their community. Members of the NM EJ Working Group is collectively holding government and industry accountable for health disparities, ineffective land use policies, lack of enforcement of air, water, and soil standards, the siting of toxin-emitting industry in low-income communities of color and Native/Indigenous communities- all of which have created a health and environmental crisis in New Mexico, the United States, and the world.

The NMEJ Working Group is a coalition of grassroots organizations and ally technical assistance organizations and providers and comprises:

Lead organizations:

- The Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice
- Colonias Development Council
- Concerned Citizens of Wagon Mound and Mora County
- Kalpulli Izkalli
- Sacred Alliances for Grassroots Equality

Ally organizations:

- New Mexico Environmental Law Center
- Southwest Research and Information Center
- Individual technical assistance providers who came together to address environmental and economic policies and practices impacting low-income communities of color.
- Members of the New Mexico EJ Working Group work in Northern, Central, and

Southern New Mexico on issues of water contamination, water rights, air contamination, land use and zoning, solid waste and landfill issues. The NM EJ Working Group provides an important vehicle for New Mexico organizations to work with ally organizations to increase capacity and build on grassroots efforts to collectively address issues and power at the State level regarding environmental and economic justice.

Throughout the years undesirable land use policies and practices have resulted in many adverse health affects in low-income communities of color. For example: In Los Angeles, an estimated 50% of Latinos/as and 71% of African Americans reside in areas with the most polluted air, while only 34% of Whites live in highly polluted areas; Navajo teenagers have organ cancer seventeen times the national average where Uranium spills from mining activities on Navajo land have contaminated the water, air and soil; Asthma is 26% more prevalent in African American children than White children; Latinos comprise 13% of the U.S. population, yet in 2002, 7 out of 10 Latinos lived in counties that violated federal air pollution standards. Air pollution is one of the major triggers of asthma attacks. Asthma has become the most common chronic disease amongst children. Asthma rates in minority children overall are doubling every ten years. As outlined in *Closing the Health Disparity Gap in New Mexico: A Roadmap for Grantmaking*, Native Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, African Americans, and immigrant children suffer the greatest burden of health disparities in New Mexico.

Meanwhile industry and governmental agencies persist with development and land use practices without consideration to “cumulative impacts” of existing development or regards to utilizing “precautionary principles” that can thwart environmental causes of public health. We believe that the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) have a critical role to play in giving priority consideration to the environmental causes of public health problems, and implementing solutions that will significantly improve the environment and public health of people of color, native/indigenous communities, and ultimately the health of all New Mexicans.

Successes:

Over the past four years, NM EJ Working Group members and allied organizations have worked closely to put EJ in the forefront of NM policy agendas and make significant changes.

Highlights include:

- In 2003, the New Mexico Environmental Justice Working Group worked with the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) to address environmental justice in low-income communities of color. As a result, in 2004, the NMED held a series of Environmental Justice Listening Sessions throughout the state (Deming, Acoma, Las Vegas, and Albuquerque). The Southwest Network was instrumental in the planning and implementation of the EJ Listening Sessions. Recommendations resulting from the EJ Listening Sessions were presented to the NMED Environmental Justice Policy Committee, comprised of

representatives from community, industry, and government, as well as two New Mexico EJ Working Group members. The outcome from our participation in the statewide EJ Listening Sessions held in 2004 and our participation in the NMED EJ Policy Committee was the creation and signing of Executive Order 2005-056, the *Environmental Justice Executive Order*.

- When Governor Bill Richardson signed the EJ Executive Order on November 18, 2005, NM took a step toward achieving environmental justice and building healthier communities by recognizing that environmental injustices exist within the state of New Mexico and that the health and quality of life of low-income and communities of color are being compromised. The EJ Executive Order affirms our right to live in a clean and healthy community.
- On January 12, 2005, the NMEJ Working Group launched the New Mexico Legislative Campaign at a press conference in Santa Fe where the *New Mexico Healthy Communities Act* was introduced to the public at large. The *Healthy Communities Act* addresses the permitting process and would require that community impact reports be conducted with consideration to race, income, and pre-existing regulated facilities in the community and allows for *Citizen Suits*. More important, the *Healthy Communities Act* ensures that all communities in New Mexico are treated equally in decisions regarding the siting of regulated facilities with consideration of the health, environment, and cultural impacts on low-income, people of color communities and sacred sites. In the 2005 Legislative Session, the “Healthy Communities Act” was recognized, not only by environmental and economic justice leaders but, by environmental leaders and groups, as one of the top environmental legislative proposals. Although the bill was not passed it provided an opportunity to educate both community and legislators about environmental justice.
- An *Environmental Justice Memorial* was introduced in the 2006 legislative session and was key in the strategy to maintain environmental justice in the forefront of governmental policy while educating the community and legislators about environmental justice.
- In 2007, the NM EJ Working Group supported and conducted education on the “*New Mexico Environmental Health Act*” that was renegotiated and passed as a memorial, House Memorial 97, calling for the NM Environment Department and the NM Department of Health to work together on addressing environmental justice issues.
- Starting in 2006, the Southwest Network has coordinated an annual Environmental Justice Awareness Day held at the State Capitol in Santa Fe, New Mexico. During the EJ Awareness Day community members have participated on tours of the New Mexico Legislature accompanied with training on the legislative decision-making process and an opportunity to meet with their legislative representatives. Endorsers and supporters are invited to set up information tables in the Halls of History which provides the opportunity for community members to network, learn about issues throughout the state, and share strategies to build a collective agenda. It’s also an opportunity for us to share food and music.

- The EJ Awareness Day is larger than the Southwest Network. It has become a success due to all of the supporting and endorsing organizations. The EJ Awareness Day brings together a large coalition of environmental justice groups, environmental groups, regional acequia associations, various land grant communities, labor, public health organizations, women's organizations, immigrant organizations, and local, state, and federal government representatives.
- Participated in the revision of the New Mexico Solid Waste and Regulation Management Plan. Provided both written and oral testimony.
- The Executive Order on EJ and proposed EJ legislation such as the New Mexico Health Communities Act and the New Mexico Environmental Health Act are being used as models for legislation by groups in North Carolina, Cincinnati, Ohio and other states.

Challenges

- Minimal resources
- Media and framing of the message
- Environmental and conservation groups who promote policy which negatively impacts people of color, Native/Indigenous, and low-income communities.
- Environmental and conservation groups pushing policy from the top down and representing communities which they are not working in.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010

Legislative:

Continue to support legislation on Environmental Justice specifically addressing the areas of the permitting process, public participation, community impact assessments, and funding for health studies which consider environmental exposures and their impacts on human health.

Agency:

Require state employees, at the management level to participate in Environmental Justice Trainings conducted by EPA Region 6.

Regulations:

Start to review New Mexico Air Regulations and address environmental justice issues.

Federal:

Move policy forward within the National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee.

Work with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Office of Minority Health to prioritize health disparities due to environmental contamination. There needs to be a fundamental shift within DHHS from individual behavior to one that is more holistic and looking at environmental factors that contribute to diseases.

Overall:

Conduct education on health disparities in relation to environmental contamination and specifically their impacts on children and women.

Associated 501(c) 4: No.**Resources**

Fact Sheets on health disparities due to toxic environmental exposures
Power Analysis of the State Legislature in the area of EJ
101 Training on the New Mexico Legislature (from a community perspective)

Partners

Below is a list of EJ Awareness Day Endorsers

AFSCME Local 3022, Albuquerque Partnership, Albuquerque Peace and Justice Center, American Medical Student Association- UNM Premed Chapter, Amigos Bravos, Anti-Racism Training Institute of the Southwest, Bernalillo County Environmental Health Office, Cambio, CARD, Citizen Action, Con Alma Health Foundation, Colonias Development Council, Concerned Citizens of Wagon Mound and Mora County, Conservation Voters NM Education Fund, Cultural Center for Power and Justice, Diné C.A.R.E., Dooda Desert Rock, ENDAUM, Environment New Mexico, 1000 Friends of NM, Gray Panthers of Albuquerque, Health Education Program UNM, Hispano Roundtable NM, Indigenous Environmental Network, JLSA- UNM, Kalpulli Izkalli, KIVA Club-UNM, La Raza Unida-ABQ, Las Vegas Peace and Justice Center, Laguna-Acoma Coalition for a Safe Environment, La Jicarita News, MALSA-UNM, MECHA-UNM, National Organizers Alliance, Native Soul Youth, New Mexico Environmental Law Center, NM Land Grant Council, NM Land Grant Forum, New Mexico Voices for Children, New Mexico Public Health Association, New Mexico PACE, NM Youth Organized, Peer Mentors Graduates of Color-UNM, Raza Center for Resource Planning-UNM, Raza Graduate Student Association-UNM, SAGE Council, Sierra Club-NM, South Valley Partners for Environmental Justice, South Valley Regional Association of Acequias, Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice, Southwest Research and Information Center, Taos Land Trust, UNM Sustainability, Mesquite Community Action Committee, Outch'Yonda Co-op, Quote Unquote, Union de Trabajadores Agrícolas Fronterizos, UNM Student's Environmental Law Society, United South Broadway Corporation, and Young Women United

Allies

Yes.

E. New Partners

Has your organization considered working with partners in a different field? Doing....?
Yes. Land Grants, acequias, seed sovereignty, reproductive justice, health access, unions, religious institutions, and farmworkers.

Are you interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives?
Yes.

New Mexico Wilderness Alliance

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Mission & Constituents

The New Mexico Wilderness Alliance is a non-profit 501(C) (3) grassroots environmental organization dedicated to the protection, restoration, and continued enjoyment of New Mexico's wildlands and wilderness areas. The primary goal of the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance is to ensure the protection and restoration of all remaining wild lands in New Mexico through administrative designations, federal wilderness designation, and on-going advocacy.

Advocate at: local, regional, statewide and national levels.

Current Priorities

We are working on a variety of public land protection issues across the state. Some, such as Doña Ana County, Taos County, Otero Mesa and Chaco Cultural National Historical Park, focus on specific places. Others, such as Roadless Rule and 1872 Mining Law reform concern areas across the state.

Successes

- Gaining Wilderness designation for the Ojito area
- Protecting the Valle Vidal from energy development
- Stalling efforts to drill on Otero Mesa
- Introducing legislation to protect Sabinoso as wilderness

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010

As primarily an advocacy organization, we work to engage the people of New Mexico in protecting our wild landscapes. This is most frequently done through federal legislation and agency work, although we often work with state and local leaders as well.

Our policy priorities for the coming years are listed below. Other activities are not listed as they are not policy issues per se:

- Wilderness and National Conservation Area protection for federal lands in Doña Ana County.
- Similar protection for lands in Taos County
- Wilderness protection and related issues to improve and expand Chaco Culture National Historical Park
- National Conservation Area protection for Otero Mesa
- Conversion of the 2001 Roadless Rule into law
- Reform of the 1872 Mining Law
- Reducing off-road vehicle impacts on Forest Service lands through the Travel Management process

Associated 501(c) 4: No.**Resources**

We bring over 5,500 members, hundreds of volunteers, extensive media experience (including both paid, earned, print and video media), and comprehensive mapping and GIS data to our policy and other efforts.

Partners

We work with most other conservation organizations across the state on each of our issues, depending on the place or issue. In addition, we'll often partner with other civic, tribal or government agency where appropriate.

Allies

We have allies in both the legislative and executive branches of both the state and federal governments.

Coalition

I've listed the two that are the most formal;

- Coalition for the Valle Vidal – Fundraising Chair and member of the Executive Committee. See Amigos Bravos for contact information.
- Coalition for Otero Mesa – Coalition organizer
- All our campaigns have either established or have ad hoc coalitions in place.

Policy Agenda and Planning for 2010 and beyond

Our work is determined by our inventory of remaining wild places in the state, the nature of community support and political opportunities that surround these places, agency activities that influence these places and existing and emerging threats around these areas. New priorities are defined on an ongoing basis based upon the above criteria.

New Partners: We work with partners in related fields as opportunities present themselves. We are you interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives.

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Mission & Constituents:

SWOP is a statewide multi-racial, multi-issue, community based membership organization. Since 1980 we have worked to make it possible for thousands of New Mexicans to begin to have a place and voice in social, economic and environmental decisions that affect our lives. Our mission is "working to empower our communities to realize racial and gender equality and social and economic justice."

We reach our objectives by educating, organizing, and developing leadership in our communities to meet the challenges we face.

- **Community Participation in Decision Making.** SWOP acts as a vehicle for those directly affected by the decisions of governments, developers, and corporations to have a greater voice in the process.
- **Environmental Justice.** SWOP defines our environment as where we live, where we work, and where we play. SWOP works to assure a safe environment in both the community and the workplace, and to increase community participation in decisions on the use of water and other precious natural resources.
- **Economic Justice.** We have the right to live, work and raise our children in our communities, and to have an equal voice in decisions on industrial siting and employment issues. SWOP works to promote sustainable development and to assure that businesses and industries that promise jobs for New Mexicans follow through with their commitments.
- **Public Participation.** Elected officials listen to communities that are registered to vote and informed about the issues. SWOP non-partisan voter registration, education, and get-out-the-vote campaigns have registered over 32,000 New Mexicans, and increased turnout in targeted areas.

Lasting change comes from, and is based on, empowering and educating our communities. SWOP strives to assure that our community leaders, at all levels of society, take on such challenges to guarantee that positive and progressive change may occur.

Advocate at: local, regional and statewide level.

Current Priorities:

Youth Organizing: SWOP is committed to providing leadership development to young people with opportunities and access to resources we need to think for ourselves and analyze our surroundings, to have a voice in decisions that affect our lives and to build power in our communities. Our website is created by and for young people to voice our opinions and document our accomplishments in the movement to 'empower our communities and realize racial and gender equality and social and economic justice.'

Pajarito Mesa: Pajarito Mesa overlooks Albuquerque's South Valley and is home to over 250 families who struggle for basic services such as water, electricity, roads, emergency services, and school bus transportation. Residents on Pajarito Mesa pay taxes like the rest of the citizens of Bernalillo County and deserve the same services. "We demand nothing more than dignity and justice," says SWOP organizer and Pajarito resident Sandra Montes. Since December 1997, Pajarito residents, along with SWOP members and staff, have demanded Bernalillo County representatives fulfill their obligation to provide infrastructure to people who live on the Mesa. To provide water and solar electricity to the Mesa, the residents have formed a Mutual Domestic Water Association with 130 residents.

Campaign for a Better New Mexico: At the CBNM we believe democracy doesn't end on Election Day and that we have a right to participate in the decisions that affect our lives. The Campaign for a Better New Mexico is a nonpartisan, nonprofit effort of the SouthWest Organizing Project (SWOP) that engages in voter registration, education and inspiration.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010:

- Opposed to the creation of Tax Increment Development Districts (TIDDs) in "Greenfield Developments"
- Opposed to school policy: arming security guards on school campuses
- Opposed to school policy: military recruitment on school campuses
- Living wage campaign
- Health care for all New Mexicans
- Clean and fair elections
- Pajarito Mesa services policies (safe roads, electricity, water)
- Illegal dumping
- Intel
- Water policies to keep government and corporations from using water
- Maintain traditional acequias

Associated 501(c)4?: No

Resources

- Leadership development
- Volunteer base
- Community trainings
- Cultural and arts work
- Connections with media
- Technical assistance
- Networking with media
- Media training
- Fundraising

Partners

- Sage Council

- Pushback
- SNEEJ
- Center for Civic Policy
- Progressive Training Project
- Various arts groups
- Grassroots Global Justice

Allies: City Council, legislators, school board, etc.

Coalitions: Pushback, Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice, Grassroots Global Justice.

New Partners:

Has your organization considered working with partners in a different field? Yes.
Are you interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives?
Yes.

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Mission:

To protect all living beings and the environment from the effects of radioactive and other hazardous materials now and in the future.

Advocate at: Depending on the project, CCNS works on the local, regional, statewide, national and international levels.

Current Priorities

- Water Protection: Locally, CCNS and Amigos Bravos are appealing the Record of Decision of the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management allowing for the construction of the Buckman Direct Diversion Project. The BDD Project will allow the City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County and Las Campanas, a private development, to divert up to 3 billion gallons of native Rio Grande and San Juan-Chama water annually from the Rio Grande.
- CCNS is one of the plaintiffs in the Clean Water Act lawsuit against the Department of Energy (DOE) for violations at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

- CCNS is participating in the Triennial Review of the state's water quality standards, specifically to reduce the allowable levels for tritium (radioactive hydrogen) and plutonium and other radioactive actinides associated with the manufacturing of "triggers" for nuclear warheads. For more information, see <http://www.ieer.org/campaign/index.html>
- DOE's Plans to Expand Nuclear Weapons Manufacturing Activities at LANL. CCNS works to educate the public about DOE's plans to expand nuclear weapons manufacturing activities at LANL, including the "Bombplex," and Complex 2030, which was renamed "Complex Transformation." We focus on the public health and environmental impacts. During the recent comment period CCNS raised the issue of DOE stating that there is no prime farmland surrounding LANL. Please see www.nuclearactive.org. CCNS News Update 5/2/08.
- Also, see <http://youtube.com/ccnsvision2030> for an interesting way to submit comments to DOE for the Bombplex.
- Protection of Air Quality. CCNS works to stop the open burning, open detonation and prescribed burns at LANL, which re-suspends the contaminants into the air and disperse them throughout the watersheds.

Successes

- CCNS, EVEMG and Tewa Women United appealed three permits allowing LANL to conduct open air burning and open detonation activities at contaminated sites to the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board. We were successful in our appeal and LANL withdrew their application. We continue to monitor these activities that are allowed under existing permits, watching for opportunities to stop them.
- Working with whistleblower Robert H. Gilkeson about the groundwater monitoring problems at LANL, CCNS influenced the National Academies of Sciences (NAS) in their review and publication of "Plans and Practices for Groundwater Protection at the LANL." The NAS concluded "many if not all of the wells drilled into the regional aquifer under the Hydrogeologic Workplan appear to be compromised in their ability to produce water samples that are representative of ambient groundwater for the purpose of monitoring." p. 49.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010:

Federal Legislation:

1. Banning the open burning, open detonation and prescribed burns at DOE sites around the country.
2. Banning the disposal of radioactive, toxic and hazardous wastes in unlined pits, trenches and shafts at DOE sites around the country.
3. Requiring DOE and LANL to comply with the requirements of the Espanola Basin Sole Source Aquifer designation.

Associated 501(c)4: No.

Resources

Connections with media, production of weekly “CCNS News Update” broadcast, website. Connections with New Mexico Environment Department; New Mexico Department of Health; Los Alamos National Laboratory; Department of Energy; local, state and federal elected officials.

We participate in Santa Fe Community Days, Pride on the Plaza, Taos Solar Music Festival, Tewa Women United Gathering for Mother Earth, and other events where tabling about the issues is appropriate.

Partners

CCNS works with the Communities for Clean Water (CCW), New Mexicans for Sustainable Energy and Effective Stewardship (NM SEES). These networks include: Southwest Research and Information Center, Embudo Valley Environmental Monitoring Group, Honor Our Pueblo Existence (HOPE), New Mexico Acequia Association, Amigos Bravos, Rio Grande Restoration, Citizen Action (based in Albuquerque), Citizens for Alternatives to Radioactive Dumping (CARD), Albuquerque Peace and Justice Center, Nuclear Watch New Mexico, Peace Action New Mexico, Partnership for Earth Spirituality, Loretto Community, Don Gabino Andrade Community Acequia Association. We also work with the New Mexico Conference of Churches, Faithful Security, Tewa Women United.

Nationally, CCNS is a member of the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability (based in Washington, DC and Santa Fe, NM),

Allies

New Mexico Environment Department, New Mexico Department of Health. CCNS works with state legislators. We also have good relationship with staffers from Senator Bingaman and Representative Udall’s offices, both in Santa Fe and DC.

Coalitions

CCW and NM SEES

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Description of work & roles among coalition members: We bring our strengths and weaknesses to the table. We collectively decide on priorities and determine the most effective way to reach our goals. Depending on the objectives, one or two groups may take the lead and the other groups support them in their individual ways.

Policy Agenda and Planning for 2010 and beyond: We have not conducted planning for 2010 and beyond.

New Partners

CCW is an example of working with partners in different fields to protecting water quantity and quality. We are interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives.

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Mission & Constituents

Recognizing that human and environmental systems are inseparable and interdependent, Gila Resources Information Project pursues two goals:

1. To protect and nurture human communities by safeguarding the natural resources that sustain us all;
2. To safeguard natural resources by facilitating informed public participation in resource use decisions.

GRIP is a nonprofit environmental advocacy group that draws on local support and private foundations to promote community health and protect our quality of life. Despite our small size, we have taken on some of the largest challenges facing southwestern New Mexico. The High Country News (12/3/01) described us as 'a plucky group of activists' for prodding Phelps Dodge and the state to develop acceptable plans for mine closure and reclamation. We also promote planning, groundwater protection, and free-running rivers in the face of unsustainable development practices. Our approach to these challenges has been to bring technical, policy, and - when necessary - legal expertise to this area and then to combine these resources with an informed and involved public.

Advocate at: local, regional, and statewide levels.

B. Current Priorities

- **Aquifer Protection**-Wasteful mining practices, a lack of water conservation efforts, and poorly regulated growth threaten the sustainability of the Mimbres Basin and Upper Gila Basin aquifers. GRIP participates in regional water planning and watershed protection efforts.
- **Water management**-GRIP will continue to promote a common sense approach to water management that meets our region's future water needs while also protecting the Gila River.
- **Responsible Mining** practices at Grant County mines will be critical to the protection of our land and our water and air quality. With high commodities prices, the pressure to expand copper mining in our region will only increase. GRIP will continue its work to ensure that mine operations here in Grant County comply with state and federal environmental laws that protect public health.
- **Healthy Rivers**-Self-serving water development interests are aiming to double the amount of water diverted from the Gila and San Francisco rivers to feed exaggerated growth projections. There are cost-effective alternatives for meeting future water needs without draining the Gila River. GRIP is a key member of the

Gila Conservation Coalition, providing office space, staff, fiscal support, and coordination of key river projects.

- **Community Planning**-GRIP will continue to be an advocate for implementation of smart growth principles that support a stable economy and clean environment.
- **Sustainability**-In its second year, GRIP's Living Green series provides our community with programs about how we can reduce our impact on the planet and live more sustainably.

Successes

- Seeing closure and reclamation plans in place at the Chino, Cobre and Tyrone mines in Grant County, New Mexico- an important victory for future generations of Grant County residents. These plans will protect our surface and groundwater and air quality over the long term.
- Strengthening Financial Assurance-GRIP has been successful in urging the state regulatory agencies to reduce only the portion of financial assurance that is in the form of a parent company guarantee which amounts to a mere IOU.
- Defending the New Mexico Mining Act & NM's Water Quality Act-GRIP and environmental groups statewide held Phelps Dodge accountable for the clean-up of environmental contamination caused by its mining activities. GRIP also leverages resources with its partners around the state to defend the state Mining Act and other environmental laws from relentless industry attacks each legislative session. It continues to require constant monitoring to ensure that environmental laws are complied with at the Grant County mines.
- Raising awareness locally of mining's environmental impacts-we believe the link between irresponsible mining and groundwater contamination and depletion is better understood among county leader and residents than it was ten years ago.
- Creating jobs through mine reclamation-by winning strong reclamation and financial assurance requirements, we helped create a viable financial incentive for the major regional mining company to reclaim inactive areas sooner rather than later.
- Facilitating the work of other local residents and groups.
- Establishing a statewide reputation as Grant County's go-to environmental group.
- Earning a "seat at the table" with Phelps Dodge and government agencies.
- Community building activities

Challenges

- Our local quality of life planning efforts are not as strong as we would like. We have attempted to hire staff members with expertise in community planning and alternative economic development strategies, but we have been unable to raise the funding necessary to retain one promising hire or attract other high-caliber candidates. The Hometown Initiative and Successful Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (SEED) programs have both lost momentum.
- We have not focused on local political leaders as we had hoped to. We still envision creating a leadership report card to highlight the successes and failures of our elected officials in enhancing our quality of life and our ability to live sustainably.

- Our environmental justice work has lagged behind what we would like. Our society's continued discriminatory treatment of poor neighborhoods was evidenced clearly in the failure of the state and local governments to ensure that Phelps Dodge's demolition of the Hurley stacks was done safely.
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Mission

The Santa Fe Watershed Association is dedicated to the restoration of our degraded river and protection of the land and water resources within the river's watershed, from its mountain headwaters to its confluence with the Rio Grande. We focus on water policies (river management, groundwater management, and water use), and also look at forest management (in the upper watershed), and land management.

Advocate at: Our primary focus is local. State and regional levels come in as a way of influencing the local level.

Current Priorities

Our primary issue is restoring water to our dry river, which is a result of river/water policy: the entire flow of the river is impounded in upstream reservoirs for municipal water supply. Secondary issues include forest management to protect the upper watershed (policies we are debating include how to decide on management strategies, who will pay for management, and control of public access into the upper watershed), and river trails and physical restoration of the riparian corridor (policy issue = how much priority and funding is accorded to this effort).

Challenges

In 2007, the Santa Fe River was designated as the nation's most endangered. Contact us for more information and a detailed report.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010

Our primary policy push is aimed at City government (council and mayor) to adopt a new policy (resolution) to keep some year-round water flow in our river, and to proscribe the total impoundment of water by the city-controlled dams upstream.

Associated 501(c) 4: No.

Resources

We are gearing up for a major awareness campaign using newspaper, radio, and TV ads, lawn-placards, fliers handed out to shoppers, op-ed pieces, letters to the editor, and talks to groups, all aimed at reforming the current policy of river impoundment.

Partners

Our primary partner is the City River Commission (an advisory group set up by the city), plus a few other environmental groups (weak alliances that we are trying to solidify), plus a few businesses that are interested in the river, and out members.

Allies

Our main allies include the Mayor (who is pro-river), the City River Commission, the NM State Environment Department, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Coalitions

There is an informal group of water-interested environmental groups as the state level. We hope to help develop a state-wide coalition of watershed groups that would share our specific concerns as a watershed organization.

Contact Info: Conservation group: Beth Bardwell, World Wildlife Fund, Las Cruces, New Mexico (bethbardwell@zianet.com; tel: 505-522-4065).

Description of work & roles among coalition members: Ad hoc meetings about 2 or 3 times per year to discuss state water policies.

Policy Agenda and Planning for 2010 and beyond:

Assuming success on reversing the city's current river policy, we will move into second-generation watershed issues, including:

- (1) water conservation ordinances and incentives,
- (2) water quality policies including city regulations about hazardous chemical sales, use and disposal,
- (3) land-use planning, regulation, and enforcement, especially dealing with arroyos and riparian areas.

We also intend to push at the state level for legislation requiring a minimal environmental flow in all rivers (There are model bills from other states to guide us).

New Partners

Has your organization considered working with partners in a different field? No.

Are you interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives?
Yes.

New Mexico Water Dialogue

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Contact Person: Conci Bokum

Mission: To promote wise stewardship and assure the availability of water resources for future generations of New Mexicans by:

- sponsoring community-based forums for education, communication, and development of common ground;
- supporting inclusive, community-based planning processes, at all levels – local, regional and state;
- advocating open, inclusive and democratic processes in the development and administration of water policy; and
- monitoring and publicizing major water policy developments.

Primary focus on water planning at regional and state levels, and forum to discuss water issues at annual statewide meeting.

Constituents: Statewide, diverse.

Advocate at: local, regional within the state, and statewide.

Current Priorities

- Developing a template for the update of regional water plans
- Looking at an update for the State Water Plan
- Promoting dialogue and discussion among the 3 regional water plans in the Middle Rio Grande Basin
- Newsletter and Annual Meeting.

Background of Policy Issues: Please see issues of our newsletter at www.nmwaterdialogue.org

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010: Obtain funding for regional water plan updates.

Associated 501(c)4: No.

Resources: Our Board of Directors.

Partners: State agencies (Interstate Stream Commission, Office of the State Engineer Groups working on water planning statewide

Allies: Yes, see above, and some legislators.

Policy Agenda and Planning for 2010 and beyond: Improve water planning.

New Partners:

Has your organization considered working with partners in a different field? Not really.

Are you interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives?

Depends on the initiative

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Think New Mexico

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Mission & Constituents

Think New Mexico is a results-oriented think tank serving the citizens of New Mexico. We fulfill this mission by educating the public, the media and policy makers about some of the most serious problems facing New Mexico and by developing effective, comprehensive, sustainable solutions to those problems.

Our approach is to perform and publish sound, non-partisan, independent research. Unlike many think tanks, Think New Mexico does not subscribe to any particular ideology. Our focus is instead on promoting workable solutions. We actively advocate for our proposals by drafting legislation, identifying sponsors, building coalitions and earning free media attention for our proposals, but all of this is done only within the constraints of Federal tax law.

Consistent with our non-partisan approach, Think New Mexico's board is composed of Democrats, Independents and Republicans. They are statesmen and stateswomen, who have no agenda other than to see New Mexico succeed. They are also the brain trust of this think tank.

As a results-oriented think tank, Think New Mexico measures its success based on changes in law or policy that it is able to help achieve and which improve New Mexico's quality of life. We are best known for our successful campaigns to make full-day kindergarten accessible to every child in New Mexico, to repeal the state's regressive tax on food, and to establish a Strategic Water Reserve to protect New Mexico's rivers.

Think New Mexico began its operations on January 1, 1999. It is a tax-exempt organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In order to maintain its independence, Think New Mexico does not accept any government money. However, contributions from individuals, businesses and foundations are welcomed, encouraged and tax-deductible.

Advocate at: Think New Mexico is a statewide organization.

Current Priorities:

Think New Mexico's has led successful campaigns to:

- Win passage of a landmark full-day kindergarten law that is now benefiting approximately 25,000 five year olds across the state.
- Repeal New Mexico's regressive food tax, so that baby food now receives the same tax treatment in New Mexico as horse feed, which has long been tax exempt.
- Protect and restore New Mexico's rivers by creating a Strategic River Reserve, which has already set aside water for environmental purposes on the Rio Grande and the Pecos.
- Expand opportunities for working low-income families by enacting the Family Opportunity Accounts Act, which provides financial literacy courses and matched savings accounts for education, home ownership and micro-enterprises.
- Reform the New Mexico Lottery by slashing its bloated administrative and operating costs and reallocating the savings to full-tuition college scholarships for deserving high school students.
- Think New Mexico's current initiative is to make homeownership more attractive by reducing the high cost of title insurance continues to gather positive momentum.

Successes:

Think New Mexico has achieved policy successes and legislative victories:

The Food Tax repeal (2004),

The Strategic Water Reserve (2005)

The first state funding of Individual Development Accounts (2006)

And the Lottery Reform law (2007)

Our full-day kindergarten victory

Challenges:

We could write a book about all of the challenges we have faced in each of these initiatives. The central challenge is that we are trying to bring about social change with a fairly status quo oriented group of decision makers. Our limited resources forces us to be creative so, for example, we have never done a paid media campaign. We earn free media. In this regard, we encourage you to go to our website www.thinknewmexico.org and look at the editorials that are included each year in our annual report.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010:

We never disclose to anyone what we are working on before we launch a new campaign

Associated 501(c) 4: No

Resources

We direct all of our own campaigns (i.e. perform the research, write the policy report with our recommendations, write the legislation, identify the sponsors, build a coalition around our proposed solution, earn free media and lobby the legislature and the Governor)

Partners

A large variety of carefully selected organizations, depending on the issue we are tackling. They always span the political spectrum.

Allies in government: Yes, many.

Coalitions

No, we are not a part of any coalitions. As stated earlier, we build our own coalitions depending on the issue, which we choose ourselves. We don't work on other campaigns, or participate in other coalitions because our board chooses our topics and we do our own research ourselves rather than to rely on others. This may sound arrogant but we believe that it is one of the things that has made us successful at what we do.

Research Service Learning Program

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Mission & Constituents:

The Research Service Learning Program is an academic program which emphasizes active learning for UNM undergraduates by introducing them to basic research skills in the context of a partnership with a community organization. Our goal is to develop long-term partnerships with community groups, agencies, schools, and individuals that meet the expressed needs of our partners.

Advocate at: all levels.

Current Priorities:

We have two major related priorities: hunger and community development. In the hunger emphasis, we are working with the Food Stamp Program to identify eligible clients who are currently not receiving services; we have also helped form the South Valley Farmers Guild, a cooperative organization to help South Valley farmers grow more food in a way that is responsive to local needs and markets. The SVFG will serve as a general community development driver. In conjunction with the African Refugee Wellbeing Project, we are starting a cooperative venture with a group of African refugees in Albuquerque which lead to a micro-lending organization.

Successes:

I would not say we have had any policy successes yet; but we are moving in that direction with several of our collaborations.

Associated 501(c)4?: No.

Resources:

We can offer education to students about specific issues and also the research skills of students.

Partners

Barelas Community Center and Neighborhood Association; Santa Barbara-Martineztown; La Plazita, South Valley Economic Development Corporation; Whittier Elementary; Early Childhood Network; La Mesa Land Trust; Project Share, Inc.; The Storehouse; César Chávez Charter School; City of Albuquerque, Albuquerque Public Schools

Allies

Bill Rehm

New Partners:

Has your organization considered working with partners in a different field? Doing....?
Right now we're in a kind of holding pattern while we work on future funding.

Are you interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives?
Not right now.

PNM Resources Foundation

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Mission & Constituents:

PNM Resources Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the communities served by the subsidiaries of PNM Resources. The Foundation seeks opportunities for engaged philanthropy through a focus on education, environmental awareness and education, economic vitality and employee engagement.

Advocate at: local, regional and statewide level.

Current Priorities:

In 2007, the Foundation undertook a statewide hunger initiative working with more than 30 other foundations and agencies. The Foundation seeks to eliminate childhood hunger, provide adequate food for seniors, improve access to food in rural and underserved communities, encourage full participation in food assistance programs and create pervasive awareness of hunger in New Mexico.

New Mexico Community Capital

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Mission & Constituents:

New Mexico Community Capital (NMCC) improves the lives of New Mexicans, particularly in rural and economically underserved areas, by investing in New Mexico businesses— helping companies prosper and contribute to their communities. NMCC delivers on its mission through two operating arms: NMCC Investment Fund and NMCC IMPACTNM Business Growth Services. Our objectives:

- Help companies grow
- Create job opportunities
- Help provide employees with skills to advance
- Increase entrepreneurial capacity
- Provide a return for our socially responsible investors

Advocate at: statewide level.

Current Priorities:

- Job creation,
- Family and community asset building, and
- Entrepreneurial advocacy.

Associated 501(c)4?: No.

Partners and Allies

Lots of people- other non-profits, government, think tanks, funders etc. Our business building model is unusual inasmuch as we employ proven entrepreneurs, not newly minted MBA's or social service folks (with all due respect) who have not met a payroll or

may not understand the pressures of getting a small business to grow so that it can contribute to quality of life in its community.

Doña Ana County Colonias Development Council (CDC)

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Mission & Constituents:

The Doña Ana County Colonias Development Council works for justice – social, economic and environmental – in the colonia communities of southern New Mexico. The CDC began in the late 1980s as a project of the Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and became an independent nonprofit in 1994. Our work is rooted in two primary sources: 1) the [United Nations Declaration of Human Rights](#), and 2) [Catholic Social Teachings](#), which call for the solidarity of all people for the common good.

The Colonias Development Council uses community organizing and leadership development to help colonia residents find solutions to their concerns. We identify community leaders, prioritize issues, advocate on behalf of residents and develop community-based projects, often in partnership with other organizations and agencies. Currently, the Colonias Development Council is involved in campaigns and projects around such issues as:

- environmental justice;
- immigration and civil rights;
- education;
- housing;
- job creation;
- child development;
- farmworker rights;
- food security;
- political participation.

Each issue requires a different strategy or combination of strategies. The CDC helps residents identify effective strategies, helpful agencies and organizations, and successful processes for meeting their goal.

In our 14-year history, we've worked in 12 of Doña Ana County's 37 colonias. Approximately 100 community leaders are involved in community organizing and

development efforts. The CDC, with its office in Las Cruces, employs approximately 15 staff members

Advocate at: local and regional level.

Current Priorities:

Current projects include the establishment of the Chaparral Family Development Center, microenterprise education, and creation of community gardens with educational component.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010:

We are currently involved with the Kellogg Foundation Rural People Rural Policy initiative to form a network to address common policy concerns

Associated 501(c)4?: No.

Resources: We have a connection with rural people through the Rural Policy Southwest network members.

Partners

Tierra del Sol Housing Corporation
Anthony Berino Economic Development,
Home Education Livelihood New Mexico

Allies: Certain county commissioners.

Coalitions

Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice
Rural People Rural Policy
NNIRR – National Network for Immigration and Refugee Rights

New Partners:

We are interested in working with new partners to assist community members with micro-enterprise planning and development.

North Central New Mexico Economic Development District

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Mission & Constituents

North Central New Mexico Economic Development District (NCNMEDD) is an association of local units of government and other organizations created to encourage and allow regional cooperation on a multitude of issues. We were formed in 1967 under the authority of the Joint Powers Agreement Act, Section 4-22-1 to 4-22-7, New Mexico State Statutes Annotated, 1953 Compilation. NCNMEDD was created originally to serve the eight counties of Colfax, Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe, and Taos. Sandoval County remains a member, but is now attached for planning purposes to the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments.

Our founders outlined an ambitious program at a time when regional cooperation was still a new idea. Although times and resources have changed, we still work to achieve our original purpose of improving the quality of life in our member communities.

NCNMEDD understands that many communities in the region have limited staff for planning and program development. We want to help our communities use their resources to the best advantage and to find additional funds, wherever possible. For that reason, NCNMEDD offers our members assistance in a variety of research, planning, and program implementation activities, within the limits of our own resources

Advocate at: No advocacy.

Current Priorities

I am currently the Northeast Regional Planning Transportation Planner. I work with communities on all projects, budgets, legislative planning and all planning efforts.

- We host many workshops in conjunction with the Department of Finance and Administration Local Government Division to bring training into the Regional Planning Organization.
- We assist local governments with the Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan annually. We then utilize that planning document to prepare their legislative package each year.
- We provide training and workshops for the entire Legislative process.
- I also provide assistance through the Regional Planning Organization for all transportation needs within the Northeast.

We assist in the following ways:

- Evaluating community needs and resources
- Setting community priorities

- Locating resources
- Preparing grant applications
- Project administration, where applicable

Associated 501(c) 4: No**Resources**

Our planning staff provides many forms of technical assistance for all local governments.

Partners

All state agencies

Allies in government

We work closely with all state agencies and provide technical assistance.

New Partners

Yes, we are interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives.

Rio Grande Community Development Corporation

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Mission and Constituents:

The Rio Grande CDC, a community based tax exempt organization, mission is to pursue, foster and promote conscientious community based social, economic and healthy development which preserves and enriches traditional cultural values and historical uses of the land in the South Valley an unincorporated area of Bernalillo County. RGCDC also assists businesses and the community in furthering compatible entrepreneurial and management skills necessary for the successful operation of business enterprises to become self-sufficient. RGCDC also works on community capacity building related to environmental justice and sustainability including energy and agricultural practices

Advocate at: local and regional level.

Current Priorities:**South Valley Partners for Environmental Justice**

The South Valley Partners for Environmental Justice (SVPEJ) is a project funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS). Since 2001, the project has strived to address environmental health threats to South Valley residents by bridging communication gaps between the community, environmental health researchers and agencies, and health care providers. By using a combination of provider, community organizers, and community-based trainings, the SVPEJ has increased our community's capacity to identify and respond to environmental health concerns. The SVPEJ encourages involvement from the community to improve and protect our community's health by using an interactive approach.

South Valley Economic Development Center

The South Valley Economic Development Center is a small business incubator dedicated to helping new and existing small businesses in the South Valley and beyond obtain the resources and information they need to thrive. The SVEDC provides services in three major categories: low-cost office space, a commercial kitchen for rent and on-site training in business management. As an incubator, the SVEDC advocates for incubators statewide.

The SVEDC also seeks to promote local agriculture. After a year-long process, in April 2008 the SVEDC helped a group of landscape plant growers form an association and sign a deal with Mesa del Sol to provide plants for their very large development.

Partners and Allies:

RGDCDC has strong relationships with a number of community groups in the South Valley including La Plazita, Kalpulli Izkalli, SWOP, Resource Center for Raza Planning and many others. We have many allies in the Bernalillo County government and Representatives Taylor and Saavedra and Senator Lopez have been very helpful to us in the state legislature.

New Mexico First

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Mission and Constituents:

New Mexico First was co-founded two decades ago by the state's two U.S. senators, Pete Domenici (R) and Jeff Bingaman (D). We are a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that engages New Mexicans in public policy, primarily by holding consensus-driven town halls on topics of public interest. Typically, these town halls focus on one particular policy issue – such as water, energy, education, or healthcare – and they produce a list of concrete, actionable recommendations for policymakers.

New Mexico First events bring together people from all walks of life to identify practical solutions to the state's toughest problems. In our 20-year history, we have engaged over 6,000 people in the democratic process. We are governed by a large, [statewide board](#) of business and civic leaders from all corners of the state.

We conduct three major types of activities:

1. An annual statewide town hall convened for the people and policymakers of New Mexico, on a critical issue facing the state (with 12-18 months of extensive implementation follow-up)
2. Specialized town halls for communities and government clients that need consensus-based feedback on a particular topic
3. Smaller consensus facilitations, such as strategic planning sessions or staff retreats, for groups that do not need a full town hall

Progressive Voters Alliance

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Mission and Constituents:

The Progressive Voter Alliance is an inclusive coalition of voters who actively support issues that promote social and economic justice, political equality, and environmental stewardship.

Our activities include a lively monthly meeting, working groups and allied organizations involved in a wide variety of progressive issues, and a monthly Unified Action, in which we bring the full force of the PVA network to bear on behalf of progressive causes.

Everyone is invited to participate in these activities. We also maintain a mailing list/data base of progressives in Doña Ana County, which will be used to mobilize support for progressive issues. We are always open to supporting new issues!

Taos County Economic Development Corporation

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Mission & Constituents:

TCEDC was formed in January 1987 as a 501(c) 3 Community Development organization whose mission is to create opportunities to support “food, land and cultures of the peoples of Northern, New Mexico.”

Advocate at: local, statewide, regional, national, global and tribal levels.

Current Priorities

- Food Security
- Native Food Sovereignty
- Local Food Systems
- Social Justice and Community Economic Development
- Access to Health & Nutrition for “Marginalized” Peoples
- Land & Water Policy
- Seed Sovereignty
- Risk Management Strategies for Limited Resource Farmers & Ranchers

Successes:

TCEDC established the local “Community Economic Development” policy adopted by County Government (2006/2007) that allows direct funding through the state of New Mexico to non-profits for economic development projects that create employment and business opportunities for communities, thus providing a strategy to address New Mexico’s State “Anti-Donation” Policy which is part of the State Constitution and prohibits funds from going directly to any entity that is not designated as “government or quasi-government”.

This is an example of a change in policy that has been in place since New Mexico became a state and by its very language made it impossible for the non-profit sector to receive any state funding support for needed community projects without going through a political process that is often unwieldy and unpredictable.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010

- Native Food Sovereignty
- Seed Sovereignty
- GMO Free Growing
- Local Food Security
- Anti Food Racism Issues

- Small-Scale Farming & Ranching Initiatives
- Farm-to-School Policies
- Community Food & Nutrition Initiatives etc.

Associated 501(c) 4: No.

Resources

TCEDC has a large network of partners, collaborators and community members that are involved and active through outreach, education, and direct service. We are a part of numerous coalitions & consortiums, as well as being active on appropriate, issue-related advisory boards, planning committees and councils.

Partners

TCEDC has been in operation for over 20 years and has numerous relationships with individuals, organizations, agencies, funders and communities on the local, regional and national level.

Allies

Yes, TCEDC has been very effective at working with all levels of government on issues and challenges facing rural, tribal, and “marginalized” peoples.

Coalitions

As indicated above, TCEDC is part of many coalitions, collaborations and partnerships on local, regional and national levels. These are too numerous to name at this time.

Description of work & roles among coalition members

TCEDC has enjoyed and been honored to play numerous roles in each specific coalition; ranging from: Event sponsor & co-sponsor; Facilitator & Coordinator; Research and Information Organizer; Curriculum and Program Developer; Outreach & Education Specialists etc.

Policy Agenda and Planning for 2010 and beyond

In strategic planning stage at this time

New Partners: TCEDC works with partners in different fields all the time and is a firm believer in holistic work. TCEDC’s philosophy is that “we are all related” and as such everything is connected. We are interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives if appropriate.

League of Women Voters—New Mexico

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We also have local organizations, please see our website for one near you.

Mission:

- The League of Women Voters believes in representative government and in the individual liberties established in the Constitution of the United States.
- The League of Women Voters believes that democratic Government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records accessible.
- The League of Women Voters believes that every citizen should be protected in the right to vote; that every person should have access to free public education which provides equal opportunity for all; and that no person or group should suffer legal, economic, or administrative discrimination.
- The League of Women Voters believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibility, adequate financing and coordination among the different agencies and levels of government.
- The League of Women Voters believes that responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people; that government should maintain an equitable and flexible system of taxation, promote the conservation and development of natural resources in the public interest, share in the solution of economic and social problems which affect the general welfare, promote a sound economy and adopt domestic policies which facilitate the solution of international problems.
- The League of Women Voters believes that cooperation with other nations is essential in the search for solutions to world problems, and that the development of international organization and international law is imperative in the promotion of world peace.

Constituents: [Membership](#) in the League of Women Voters is open to all citizens of the United States, men and women, who are 18 years or older. Any individual may be an associate member of the League.

Advocate at: local, statewide level.

Current Priorities: (below are listed our priorities most relevant to this database, please see our website for additional priorities)

Natural Resources (Adopted 1976; revised 1987)

The League of Women Voters of New Mexico believes that state government should accept a major responsibility in addressing the societal problems associated with resource development in the state. We believe that the state is the most effective level of government to attack these problems. The state should make planning expertise available to the local communities and work with them in identifying problems and choosing solutions. Where rapid development makes the cost of facilities prohibitive for local communities, there should be a state mechanism for providing necessary financial assistance. Coordination of national, regional, state and local government efforts, with effective citizen participation is necessary.

The League of Women Voters of New Mexico supports the principle that environmental and social costs of resource development should be borne by the ultimate consumer. However, sharply higher prices as a result of covering environmental and social costs should be coupled with a mechanism to keep those costs from bearing unduly on any one segment of the population.

The League of Women Voters of New Mexico supports a strong state resource conservation policy. The state should provide leadership, set a public example in its operations, develop and enforce regulations promoting conservation, and actively educate its citizens.

The protection of ground and surface water from contamination and the control and reduction in volume of hazardous, toxic and radioactive substances before they reach the land, air or water should be major parts of resource conservation policy. The state should not be prevented from having stricter control standards than those of the federal government. Public Health and well being should rank as the highest priority. The use of alternate energy sources should be encouraged.

Health Care (Adopted 1991; revised 1993, 2005, 2007)

The League of Women Voters of New Mexico supports a health care system that provides a comprehensive level of health care for New Mexico residents and recognizes the need for efficient management of health care costs. (Revised and adopted 2005.)

The LWVNM believes that any health system implemented should have the following: Every New Mexican should have full health care coverage, a benefit package that is at least equal to the best plan offered to state employees, and access to the services covered. Participation should be mandatory. Pre-existing conditions should not be excluded from coverage.

Education (Adopted 1987; revised 1995)

Economic Development (Adopted 2003)

The League of Women Voters New Mexico supports economic development with a focus on:

- economic growth more than population growth;
- good jobs with good wages;

- quality of life;
- consistency with protection of the environment and natural resources, particularly water; and
- capitalizing on what is already here, such as existing businesses, technologies, and people (e.g. creativity).

Sustainability (Adopted 2007)

The LWVNM believes that potential impacts on sustainability should be considered in formulating new positions and in advocating using current positions. Sustainability is defined as meeting the needs of the current generation without impairing the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Santa Fe Alliance

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Mission

To build a healthy local economy which provides better work opportunities for the people of Santa Fe and the surrounding region while preserving a strong sense of community that nurtures individuals and families.

Current Priorities

- The Santa Fe Alliance is working to build a diverse network of local businesses, community members, and non-profit and governmental leaders to educate them about the importance of buying goods and services from our locally-owned businesses. By doing so, we help to create more and better job opportunities and successful businesses that enrich our community and create a prosperous regional economy,
- The Alliance is committed to helping residents understand the benefits of buying goods and services from locally-owned businesses and that increasing the demand for locally produced goods and services supports locally based economic development.
- We are part of a growing national movement called the American Independent Business Alliance (AMIBA), whose main purpose is to enrich communities by increasing dollars spent at locally-owned businesses. Learn more about AMIBA at their website: www.amiba.net. We are also members of Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE). This is a growing alliance of business networks committed to creating thriving local economies in their regions. Learn more at: www.livingeconomies.org.

Nambe Pueblo Development Corporation

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Mission

The mission is to generate jobs and income for the tribe through viable economic development projects.

Advocate at: No advocacy or policy development for the tribe at present

Current Priorities

We have received some funding from the NM State legislature for a water system. We are trying to find investors for the projects we have planned to develop.

- NPDC just completed a travel/convenience store and center which includes a gas station. We would like to offer more alternative fuels.
- Several projects which require funding for development include:
 - Apartment building development
 - Solar and wind power electricity development
 - A partially-equipped water-bottling facility
 - Housing and food system initiatives

ASSET DEVELOPMENT

Women's Economic Self-Sufficiency Team (WESST)

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Mission & Constituents:

The Women's Economic Self-Sufficiency Team (WESST) is a statewide economic development organization committed to growing New Mexico's economy by cultivating entrepreneurship. Incorporated in 1988 as a 501(c)3 non-profit, WESST places particular emphasis on helping low-income women and minorities achieve financial self-sufficiency through sustained self-employment. While our historical target market is low-income, unemployed and/or underemployed women and minorities, WESST's services are available to any New Mexico resident seeking to start or grow a business.

WESST also offers IDA accounts to qualifying individuals in Albuquerque and Las Cruces.

Advocate at: local, statewide and national levels.

Current Priorities:

WESST primarily engages in policy work that helps us get our core work done, including providing training, consulting and loans to entrepreneurs statewide as well as Individual Development Accounts and financial literacy in Albuquerque and Las Cruces.

We have done policy work around small business incubator certification and funding. We are also part of a coalition of IDA agencies that have pulled together to advocate for more funding statewide. We also take part in a national coalition that lobbies for funding for women's business centers.

Successes: In 2006 the state legislature provided one-time funding for IDA's and in 2007 that funding became recurring. We also achieved a change in welfare to work requirements to allow self-employment as an option for women in transition. At the national level we got the requirements to change to allow women's business centers that had already been funded once to be able to re-apply for funding.

Associated 501(c)4?: No.

Resources: WESST has a strong connection with the media. We also have the experience and name recognition that comes from working in this state and in this field for so long. We also have some strong relationships with state legislators.

Partners

Statewide IDA coalition,
Community Action Agencies
NM Coalition for Financial Literacy
Association of Women's Business Centers
American Enterprise Opportunity
Ad hoc small business incubator certification board

Allies

WESST has some great contacts in the state legislature from working the roundhouse on the incubator issue.

Are you interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives?
Yes, on a case by case basis.

Community Action New Mexico

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Mission: It is the mission of Community Action New Mexico to develop and lead a policy agenda, and implement strategies with member agencies that will:

- Improve the strategic and fiscal capacity of agencies in
- New Mexico to fulfill their mission
- Define poverty and set goals for its elimination
- Develop and test high impact strategies
- Re-focus resources for highest impact
- Engage communities to end poverty, and
- Engage in strategic advocacy

Constituents: Community Action's primary constituents are two-fold: our eight members organizations, each of which is a Community Action Agency that focuses primarily on service delivery. The constituents of those agencies, and ultimately our fundamental constituents are low-income people.

Advocate at: 25% of our work is at the local level, 35% at the state level and 40% at the national level. We occasionally work with regional groups like the Western Climate Initiative.

Current Priorities:

We work in two main areas—asset development and energy. Our asset development work focuses on getting funding for Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) and financial education and building the networks necessary to deliver those programs statewide. With respect to energy we advocate for affordability, sustainability and efficiency. We also support any initiatives that relate to the alleviation of poverty including food security. Two of our agencies have large food banks and we take the lead from them on policy work around food.

Successes:

We have had some great successes in energy (see our website) and in asset development. We have been a leader in getting the IDA act in our state, implementation and funding. We also play a role in asset formation policy in the nation. We were a player in getting the IRS to have a split return which allows people to designate 3 places for the return to go. We are also pushing back on payday lending and have done some work on mortgages.

We only work on high-impact strategies, which require that any policy we advocate for affect our four areas of work. exploitation of low-income people. In terms of IDA's we now have 436 accounts, half in rural areas, but if we don't look at assets being taken away from communities through foreclosures, if we don't have a comprehensive strategy then our work isn't really making a difference. This requires an integrated approach to developing strategies

We also do advocacy with bank/credit unions have them do gap analysis, see where they're not serving low communities.

We just had a win in rate case—PNM was charging an 18% late fee now the late fee is 0% for low income. We went through the PRC to get this accomplished and it set a national precedent. We are constantly on the alert for those inequities in the status quo and those that are coming along the way.

Challenges:

Establishing a justice agenda for low income people; fighting against those things that render life as unjust is kind of a David and Goliath effort. The specific challenges depend on what's going on at any given time. For example, Gov. Richardson is very my way or the highway, which can make some things difficult. Johnson was different, you knew what the enemy was.

Part of our strategic analysis is that we have complex understanding of what's going on, and we're always asking where can I take action today, which things will have to wait. Tight now we're having great success with PRC, next year might be very different We think we have good chances to make change in the energy realm at a local level—shouldn't be public money without high energy efficiency. Local strategies are expensive to do, but we do it, we have to be strategic.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010:

Community engagement strategy—we don't own strategies, the community does. All 13 laws about lending going to be reviewed in next legislative session. We're hoping to get a usury law. We have been given award so we're going to be given technical assistance to bring assets consortium to next level, build assets trust fund, create a vehicle that allows us to go to foundations/bank to make major investment into trust fund, distributed to best practice network. We know what works. The average IDA dropout rate is 50%, ours is 5%. The reason to invest is we know this is a powerful out of poverty strategy and we know how to deliver it. We're hoping to get the fund at \$200 million.

Associated 501(c)4?: No.

Resources

Our own experience, knowledge and relationships. For example, Sharon Henderson is a policy leader on assets nationally. When you have high impact strategy analysis, most work is policy work.

Partners

National Consumer Law Center
Law Access
NM Center on Law and Poverty
Senior Citizen Law Center
Voices for Children
Legal Aid
AARP
NM Community Foundations

Federal Reserve Banks of Dallas and Kansas City

Some of those are people with whom we formulate policy, others of whom we work with in pushing those policies. We also work with community based groups to push policies.

Allies:

The Lt. Governor is an ally on asset development. We also work closely with Energy Minerals, and Natural Resources. We are also friendly with a few aids in the Governor's office. We formulated a policy position with the governor. On the federal delegation, we have good relationships with everyone but Pierce. We have lots of allies in the legislature.

Coalitions

Clean and Affordable Energy Coalition
One Sky
Minimum Wage
Fair Tax

New Partners: We are interested in working with partners in different fields because it's all so interconnected. One thing i think would be logical for us to be working on is housing, should have a bigger voice, but we don't need to lead on it.

New Mexico Community Development Loan Fund dba The Loan Fund

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Contact Person: F. Leroy Pacheco, Executive Director

Mission: To provide loans and assistance to improve the economic and social conditions of New Mexicans.

Constituents:

The Loan Fund's constituents are owners or micro-businesses, or aspire to become business owners, throughout the state of New Mexico, with special focus on underserved rural communities. We work with people who many not qualify for conventional financing at affordable rates, providing both financial and technical assistance. The Loan Fund will also provide these services to non-profit organizations serving these communities.

Advocate at: statewide and tribal level.

Current Priorities:

The Loan Fund's focus is providing the support needed by rural entrepreneurs in New Mexico, including value-added activities within the small agriculture sector present in the underserved communities which are our constituents. The Loan Fund also offers a specific capacity building training/mentorship program for Native American communities interested in creating revolving loan funds to serve their local business communities.

Associated 501(c)4?: No

Resources:

As the oldest alternative lender and technical assistance provider in New Mexico, The Loan Fund offers a solid commitment to mission and organizational stability to any initiative with which we may be associated.

Partners: Other alternative financing and training resources, as well as economic development entities within the communities we work in.

Allies:

The Loan Fund has solid working relationships with city governments, state economic development agencies, and several Federal agencies such as the USDA and the SBA. We have been supported by, and have received direct assistance, from the New Mexico Congressional offices.

Coalitions: None officially

New Partners:

The Loan Fund is exploring the possibilities of engaging in Youth Entrepreneurship programs to provide program participants with real world financing experience. We are you interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives if the circumstances were appropriate for our participation.

COMMUNITY AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

New Mexico Chapter of the American Planning Association (NMAPA)

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Website: www.nmapa.org

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Contact Person: Christopher Hyer, president

Mission: Professional Planning Organization: Education of good planning practices.

Advocate at: We are at all levels. Our members are from communities at the local level; we operate at the regional and state levels, and are a chapter of the national organization, APA.

Current Priorities:

We monitor all planning issues that are brought to the state legislature each year, we participate in issues regarding drought and development, impact fees, the transfer of development rights, property rights and eminent domain issues and consistency in planning, etc.

Successes & Challenges:

We are a member services organization and support the membership in their various capacities.

Associated 501(c) 4: No. The national organization, APA, is a non-profit. We are a non-profit under their umbrella.

Resources

We are an all-volunteer organization.

Partners

New Mexico Municipal League (NMML)

New Mexico League of Zoning Officials (NMLZO)

New Mexico Association of Counties

Sierra Club, etc.

Allies in government

Dede Feldman. Many of our members are in various governmental agencies at the state and local levels.

New Partners

We are not working with partners in other fields yet, but we are always interested in talking to new groups.

Policy Collaborations: Yes, we are interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives.

Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Contact Person: Caeri Thomas

Mission

The Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is a multi-jurisdictional planning agency located in south-central New Mexico, USA. The MPO is responsible for multi-modal transportation planning in Las Cruces, Mesilla and part of Doña Ana County.

Advocate at: No advocacy

Current Priorities: Complete streets and intermodal transportation systems

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010: To update the Long Range Transportation Plan.

Associated 501(c) 4: No

Partners

New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID)

New Mexico State University (NMSU)

Allies in government

Elected officials from Las Cruces, Mesilla, and Dona Ana County are the MPO

New Partners

We are currently working on a Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan

NMDOT-Safe Routes to School program

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Contact Person: Jessica Frost, SRTS Coordinator

Mission & Constituents:

The Safe Routes to School program is a federally-funded cost-reimbursement program that provides funds to communities to enable and encourage K-8 grade children, including those with disabilities, to increase their level of regular, routine physical activity by walking and bicycling to school safely. The program is administered by the NM Department of Transportation.

Advocate at: Local, regional, statewide, national and tribal levels.

Current Priorities:

- Helping communities to assess the barriers and hazards to pedestrians and bicyclists and identify strategies for addressing these issues. Strategies are based on engineering, education, encouragement and enforcement.
- Developing partnerships among local/tribal governments, school districts, schools, health organizations, advocacy groups and others to develop SRTS programs at the local level. Local community partners can include school representatives, planners, health professionals, law enforcement, engineers, businesses, parents, teachers, bicycle/pedestrian advocacy groups, injury prevention professionals, elected officials, and others.
- Working with a wide variety of partners and organizations at the state level to raise awareness of the SRTS program and the improvement to health, safety, environment and community that can be addressed through the SRTS program.
- Working within NMDOT and with entities involved in transportation planning to raise awareness of multimodal transportation issues and advocate for the inclusion of bicycle and pedestrian facilities in state, local and regional transportation projects.

Successes:

8. Funding 15 community SRTS programs, including several that will make substantial structural or environmental changes to improve routes to school.
9. Beginning to assemble a team of experts and advocates to develop the SRTS program locally and statewide.

Challenges

The NM SRTS program began in June 2006 thus is still in the early stages of program development. However, the challenges to this program so far are:

- Encouraging local entities to engage in coordinated planning, such as between school districts and local governments.

- Overcoming opposition to the inclusion of bicycle/pedestrian facilities in transportation projects.
- Addressing and trying to change a long history of community planning and engineering that is automobile-focused rather than people-focused which has heavily influenced our culture and way of life.
- Changing a cultural and societal mindset about active transportation, such as walking to school, which is deemed unsafe in most communities due to physical barriers and perceived hazards.
- Working with state agencies and policies that are in opposition to the principles of the SRTS program due to misconceptions and perceived hazards.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010

None at this time as the SRTS program is a state-administered program.

Associated 501(c) 4: No.

Resources: Research, information dissemination, input.

Partners:

Department of Health, Healthier Weight Council, UNM Prevention Research Center, Public Education Department, MPOs and RPOs, NM American Planning Association, 1000 Friends, School district wellness coordinators, Indian Health Services, Envision, and many others.

Allies in government: Not yet.

Coalitions: Healthier Weight Council

New Partners

Yes, we would like to work with partners in different fields. We are advocating for state funding of the SRTS program.

Policy Collaborations

Yes, we are interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives, but we have to work within state guidelines.

1000 Friends of New Mexico

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Contact Person: Joanne McEntire

Mission & Constituents:

1000 Friends of New Mexico advocates for sustainable development and equitable growth that strengthens New Mexico's communities, cultures, economy and environment.

Advocate at: local, regional, statewide and national

Current Priorities:

Active Living and Transportation

Issues: sedentary lifestyle in ABQ; obesity/diabetes/associated diseases, school nutrition and physical activity; transportation and land use and associated patterns of sprawl.

Local program – Albuquerque Prescription Trails Program. Mission: Develop, produce and market a health care system based *prescription tool* to increase walking and rolling on suggested routes in our community, targeting and promoting healthy lifestyles for families. Program is underway in eleven clinics; evaluation expected Summer 2008.

Local policy – development and implementation of Great Streets Facilities Plan. To select, fund and re-construct portions of streets to improve walking, transit facilities, and access for all. Develop awareness campaign with targeted audience to sustain public interest. Adoption process underway in 2008.

Local policy – amend city standards regarding pedestrian facilities to improve conditions on streets and other rights-of-way.

Food

Issues: food gap and hunger; loss of farmland and associated water rights

Local program: Food and Fitness Networking and Learning, 2007-2008

Food and Fitness aims to create a community environment that supports healthy children, youth, and families by making available and sustaining local healthy foods and space and structure for physical activity. "Networking and Learning" is leading to a better understanding of the needs in our communities and potential next steps.

Other areas: Water, Land Use, Climate Change, Fiscal Accountability

Associated 501(c)4?: No

Coalitions: Albuquerque Alliance for Active Living

The Albuquerque Alliance for Active Living builds partnerships to change public attitudes and behavior, improve public policies, and develop projects that make it easy, safe and pleasant to walk, ride bicycles, and enjoy other outdoor activities to improve community health. A program of Active Living by Design, 2003 - 2008

New Partners: We are always working with partners in different fields and interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives.

The Friends of New Mexico Main Street

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Website: www.nmmainstreet.org

Mission and Constituents:

The Friends of New Mexico MainStreet, a New Mexico non-profit corporation, was founded in 2004 to support and promote the activities of New Mexico MainStreet and its affiliated projects. The Friends' goal is to secure funds to enhance local efforts and strengthen the program statewide through education, training, and specialized services that are not funded under state appropriations, but which have a high impact on program development at the local level. This "value added" approach is a unique and visionary collaboration that will enable the program to provide training opportunities and special events that advance local programs as well as the statewide network of MainStreet communities.

New Mexico MainStreet Program is a grassroots economic development program that assists communities in revitalizing their traditional commercial neighborhoods. A division of the [New Mexico Economic Development Department](#), MainStreet works throughout New Mexico to help affiliated downtown organizations create an economically viable business environment while preserving local cultural and historic resources.

The Program provides resources, education, training and technical services that stimulate the economic vitality of each participating community while celebrating local heritage and culture. MainStreet is a consensus-building program that fosters community pride and encourages the growth of small businesses, consequently enhancing local employment and income opportunities, tax revenues, property values and general quality of life.

Quality Growth Alliance (QGA)

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Website: Not currently maintained.

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Contact Person: Stephen Fischmann

Mission

Quality Growth Alliance is a smart growth regional planning group in Las Cruces, New Mexico. QGA's approach is based on a sustainable development philosophy which considers planning with regard to water, energy, and open space. We want to grow plans in such a way that all resources are respected and ensured for future generations.

Advocate at: the local level focused on regional planning.

Current Priorities:

Establishing effective regional planning that considers all community interests.

Working to ensure that regional plans are followed.

Creating responsible public financing mechanisms for development (no TIDDS)

Vision 2040 planning process: We are trying to work within that but also provide vision for what follows after the process is completed so planning is respected and followed.

Successes:

- We've been successful in counteracting issues with East Mesa development in Las Cruces and getting reviews of the state land office and city practices tied to those issues.
- We've been successful in stopping a potentially disastrous TIDD proposal for the Santa Teresa development.
- We countered the proposed Domenici legislation: Development and Wilderness Preservation Act of 2005, as part of a coalition who said no to selling off public land disposal provisions, so they withdrew the bill. We are a part of a bigger coalition with NM Wilderness Alliance and NM Wilderness Society.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010

We would like there to be more legal forces behind community planning. We want processes that do a better job of involving local community members in all planning processes.

Associated 501(c) 4: No, QGA is an association of active citizens.

Resources

We have a core of ten active members in SWEA and the Quality Growth Alliance, who are interested in specific issues and research them. Issues include arroyo preservation and maintenance, and city ordinances as examples.

Partners

1000 Friends of New Mexico

On TIDDS issues:

Voices for NM Children,

League of Conservation Voters

League of Women Voters

The Catholic Diocese

Claudia Moncada (TIDDS and Lomas del Poleo)

Consolidated Sportsmen (on open space issues). Contact: Sandy Schemnitz @ 575-526-5056

Mesilla Audubon

Allies in government

We work with Representative Nate Cody, Rep. Jeff Steinborn, Cisco McSorley
In local government, we have good relations with Las Cruces city councilors Ken Miyagishima, Thomas, Silva, and Small. At the county level we work with Karen Perez and Oscar (Vasquez) Butler

Coalitions-Not yet.

Policy Collaborations

Yes, absolutely, we are always interested in new perspectives

MainStreet Roswell

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Mission & Constituents:

We work on a variety of community planning and economic development efforts related to our downtown. One of those is our market which focuses on farm & garden fresh produce, flowers, honey and eggs and arts and crafts. We strictly enforce that the vendors grow or produce their own products.

Advocate at: regional level.

Current Priorities:

When I first started working for MainStreet old-timers would tell me that we would never get people downtown like they did in the “old days”. Our farmers Market changed that way of thinking. They now gather at our market and make a day of it. We have purchase lots of chairs and we will purchase more this year.

The WIC program also brings people to the market and they stick around to see the vegetable cooking demonstrations that we do on our new grill that the state program helped us purchase. These people also shop downtown before and after they leave the market.

We are planning a Thursday Night Market in Downtown Roswell, we are planning to block off Main Street (US 285). In addition we will have a antique car show, low rider car show, and a custom car show. There will be lots of entertainment; the merchants will stay open late with sidewalk sales.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010:

We lobby our local legislators to support the New Mexico Farmers Marketing Association

Associated 501(c)4: No

Resources: We have excellent volunteer base and work very closely with the media. In fact the media matches us at least two spots for every spot we buy.

Partners

Who else do you work with?
Chaves County Government
Chaves County Extension Service
Eastern New Mexico University Roswell Campus
Downtown Merchants
WIC Program
City of Roswell
Roswell Chamber of Commerce
Hispano Chamber of Commerce
Senior Citizen Facilities and organizations.

Allies: We have allies in both the legislative and executive branches.

Silver City Walkability and Accessibility Group (WAAG)

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Contact Person: Frank Drysdale or Joe Hutto

Mission & Constituents:

The Silver City Walkability and Accessibility Advocacy Group (WAAG) is an active participant in the Walkable Communities Project whose goal is to increase public awareness and involvement in the promotion of pedestrian safety and walkability in New Mexico. The WAAG identifies local issues and advocates for improved safety and access for pedestrians and persons with disabilities. The WAAG educates citizens and government on walkability and accessibility issues.

The WAAG Action Agenda promotes appropriate policies and projects that promote pedestrian safety, sidewalk construction and maintenance, accessibility, and to bring Silver City into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Advocate at: local and regional levels.

Current Priorities

Since 2002 the Silver City Walkability and Accessibility Advocacy Group (WAAG) has been an active participant in the UNM Walkable Communities Project for more info see www.walkable.org or www.pedestrian.org Prior Action Agendas have focused on community-wide policies, US 180 and NM 90, and ADA compliance. The WAAG Action Agenda 2004 is incorporated in the Town of Silver City Comprehensive Plan.

Safe Routes to School:

Silver City has a high rate of pedestrian injuries and fatalities. The WAAG Action Agenda 2006¹ focuses on Safe Routes to School². The Silver City WAAG encourages local organizations, parents, children, school officials, and the Town of Silver City to identify and fix school route problems.

Priority Routes:

Downtown Silver City has great sidewalks, but many areas have inadequate and poorly maintained pedestrian facilities. The WAAG considers the number of routes to be high priority, because they serve areas where there are one or more school facilities.

Partners

We have worked with the following organizations and many ad hoc groups:
UNM Department of Emergency Medicine and New Mexico Department of Health
Hidalgo Medical Services and Grant County Community Health Council
Gila Regional Medical Center

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Bicycle Coalition of New Mexico

Phone/Fax: 505-820-1365 (answer service)

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Website: www.bikenm.org

Email: info@bikenm.org

Contact Person: Gail Ryba, Board President

Mission: To promote bicycling and bicycle safety in New Mexico.

Advocate at: statewide level.

Current Priorities:

We are currently trying to making sure bike racks are installed in Santa Fe. We always work to ensure that roadways include bikeways - that bikeways aren't removed, for example, to widen for motorized vehicles and we teach bicycle safety for kids and adults.

Successes:

- Bicycle "sharrows" stenciled on roadways (Santa Fe) and Share the Road Signs (Silver City), to show that cars and bikes can and should share roads.
- Bicycle lane striped onto Don Gaspar (Santa Fe), which removed parking on one side.
- PSAs about sharing the road with Mayor Coss (Santa Fe), aired on radio.

Challenges:

For efforts like these, the typical response is, "but no one rides a bicycle...we can't put in a bicycle facility that impacts car facilities." We have to repeat (like a broken record) that maybe "no one" bikes because the facilities for cycling are bad, and that to encourage cycling requires ensuring good, safe bicycle facilities.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010:

Federally we notify members to support "Complete Streets" policies as part of transportation funding reauthorization. Locally we try to speak to transportation engineers about engineering for safety for all users - pedestrians and cyclists, especially. We have recently started to promote the Swedish "Vision Zero" that seeks to have zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries.

Associated 501(c)4?: No.

Resources: volunteers, emails lists

Partners: Alliance for Active Living,

Allies: They come and go. Jim Baca (former Mayor), Rep, Peter Wirth, are good. Most people who bicycle are generally sympathetic and helpful, and we discover cyclists in many roles throughout state and local government.

New Partners:

Has your organization considered working with partners in a different field? Doing....?

We are limited, as an all volunteer group.

Are you interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives?

Not in attending meetings at this time.

BikeABQ

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Contact Person: Angelina Lopez, Project Manager

Mission & Constituents:

The mission of BikeABQ is to increase the number of bicyclists in Albuquerque for transportation, health, and recreation. We provide education, advocate for the rights of cyclists, and work to create and preserve safe biking environments. The current advocacy work of BikeABQ falls into three general categories: education, encouragement, and engineering/enforcement.

At present, BikeABQ represents approximately 300 cyclists around the Albuquerque Metro area, and is looking to expand the organization to include more members as well as several staff members. BikeABQ is governed by a Board of twelve people. It has one part-time project manager.

Advocate at: local, regional, statewide and national levels.

Current Priorities:

Bicycle Safety Education: Biking 101 for adults, Bike Safety Rodeos for Youth, Basic & Advanced Mechanics, Informational Booths at Events

Encouragement: Annual Bike to Work Day, Annual Bike Swap, supporting the Santa Fe & Albuquerque Century Rides, other misc events such as Bike to School, Film Festivals, and Bike-a-Palooza.

Engineering & Enforcement: Silver Bike Boulevard, Greater Albuquerque Advisory Committee, Walking & Bicycling Advisory Group to Mid-Region Council of Governments, other advising as pertinent.

Successes: The Silver Bike Boulevard was a major success when the Albuquerque City Council not only approved the plan, but also expanded it.

Policy Agenda for 2008-2010:

BikeABQ plans to develop an state legislative agenda for the 2009 session, including driver's education requirements, stricter consequences for killing/injuring cyclists and pedestrians with a car, and pursuing more state-allocation of federal transportation dollars for bicycle infrastructure.

Associated 501(c)4?: No.

Resources: BikeABQ has a committed Board and a good volunteer base which is expanding. It also has experience working with government officials, especially in the City of Albuquerque and MRCOG.

Partners: the City of Albuquerque, MRCOG, the National League of Bicyclists, the Bicycle Coalition of New Mexico, Bicycle Shop owners.

Allies: We have several amenable relationships with City agencies, including Parks & Recreation, Municipal Development, and increasingly the Mayor's office.

Coalitions

Bicycle Coalition of New Mexico
Gail Ryba, Pres. gnryba@cybermesa.com

New Partners: we are interested in strategic planning with new and old partners for policy initiatives.

ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The following are organizations that were recommended to us as policy-oriented organizations that we were not able to contact. Additional organizations doing work (not necessarily policy) and their contact information is included in an attached Excel worksheet.

Food and Agriculture Systems:

- TRADITIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN FARMERS ASSOCIATION
- NEW MEXICO LAND GRANT CONSEJO
- NORTHERN NEW MEXICO STOCKMENS ASSOCIATION
- TESUQUE PUEBLO
- NORTHERN NEW MEXICO COLLEGE
- HONOR OUR PUEBLO EXISTENCE(SANTA CLARA PUEBLO)

Environmental Health and Justice

- DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE
- DOODA
- NEW ENERGY ECONOMY
- NM ASSOCIATION OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
- NM WILDLIFE FEDERATION
- REPUBLICANS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION—NM CHAPTER
- SOUTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER
- TEWA WOMEN UNITED
- WILD EARTH GUARDIANS
- WORLD WILDLIFE FUND
- EARTHWORKS INSTITUTE
- EASTERN NAVAJO DINE AGAINST URANIUM MINING (ENDAUM)
- 1 SKY (global warming)
- NEW MEXICANS FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY & EFFECTIVE STEWARDSHIP
- MESILLA AUDUBON
- MULTICULTURAL ALLIANCE FOR A SAFE ENVIRONMENT
- QUIVIRA COALITION
- DINE CARE/SAN JUAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE
- ACOMA PUEBLO
- WILDEARTH GUARDIANS
- SANTA FE CONSERVATION TRUST(no policy but oil & gas issues)
- SOUTH VALLEY PARTNERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
- UPPER PECOS WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
- WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER
- YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS IN ESPANOLA
- GILA CONSERVATION COALITION
- EMBUDO VALLEY MONITORING GROUP

Hunger and Poverty

- NM CENTER ON LAW AND POVERTY
- INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC LAW
- NEW MEXICO CHAPTER OF NAACP

Health, Physical Fitness and Nutrition

- ENVISION NEW MEXICO
- UNM CENTER FOR INJURY PREVENTION RESEARCH & EDUCATION
- GRANT COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL
- HIDALGO MEDICAL SERVICES
- GILA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
- AFT NEW MEXICO
- NEW MEXICO COALITION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS
- THE NEW MEXICO PTA
- NEW MEXICO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Community and Economic Development

- NM PARTNERSHIP
- TIERRA DEL SOL HOUSING CORPORATION
- THE ECONOMIC FORUM OF ALBUQUERQUE
- NM RURAL DEVELOPMENT RESPONSE COUNCIL
- HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Transportation and Community Planning

- ALAMAGORDO WAAG
- NM ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
- NM PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION
- NEW MEXICO LEAGUE OF ZONING OFFICIALS (NMLZO)
- CONSOLIDATED SPORTSMEN (in Las Cruces for open space issues)
- COLONIAS DEVELOPMENT
- ALLIANCE FOR TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT UNM
- UNM DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE
- BPAGS IN SANTA FE, ALBUQUERQUE, LOS ALAMOS
- NM TRUCKERS ASSOCIATION
- SURFACE TRANSPORTATION POLICY PROJECT (STPP)