

# ***Civic Engagement Training*** ***Learn – Engage – Take Action!***

**Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**4:00pm – 7:00pm**

**Via Zoom**

The purpose of the Civic Engagement Training is to introduce and engage participants in the importance of advocacy and ways to educate and inform policy makers about the issues and initiatives that are most important to you and that will benefit your collective efforts.

The training will provide an introduction to local, state, tribal and national policy in relationship to food and farm systems, our water and natural resources, and the health of our communities. It will prepare us for the 2022 New Mexico Legislative session including tools that will support your participation during the Legislative session and beyond.

Through an equity lens and upstream approaches to engaging policy makers we will actively involve participants in the 2022 New Mexico Legislative Session and how to participate from your varying roles and situations.

## **Agenda:**

### **3:45 – 4:00pm:**

- Arrive and settle in

### **4:00-4:10pm:**

#### **Welcome and Participant and Land Acknowledgement**

- Helga Garza, Agricultura Network and Susan Wilger, Public Health Consultant and the NM Food & Agriculture Policy Council
  - Share NM Food & Agriculture Policy Council Values
  - NM Food & Ag Policy Council Legislative Priorities to Date

### **4:10 – 4:20:**

#### **Why Policy Matters**

Chili Yazzie, Shiprock Farmers' Cooperative

- Story from the Field

### **4:20 – 4:40pm:**

#### **Overview of the NM Legislative Session - Getting Started and Engaged**

#### **Legislative Tools and Messaging**

- **Legislative Tools and Messaging**
- **Using the Legislative Website and Staying Informed Daily & Weekly**

Pam Roy, Farm to Table and NM Food & Agriculture Policy Council and Zoey Fink, National Young Farmers Coalition

**4:40 – 4:50pm:**

**Legislator’s Perspective – how best to work with legislators toward success**

Representative Joanne Ferrary

**4:50 – 4:55pm: Stretch Break**

**4:55 – 5:20pm:**

**Policy Priorities Testimonials: Setting the Stage for Breakouts**

• **5 MINUTES INTRODUCTIONS OF EACH TOPIC AREA**

- **Food, Farm, and Hunger Initiative**

○ Possible presenters (two people total):

▪ Kendal Chavez, Office of the Governor and

Rita Condon, Healthy Kids Healthy Communities, NM Department of Health

- **Natural Resources & Climate Change Initiatives**

▪ Lesli Allison, Policy Director, Western Landowners Alliance

▪ Brent Van Dyke, NM Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts

- **Water:**

▪ Paula Garcia and NMAA Team: Paula will touch on the following: the Irrigation Works Construction Fund, rural equity for climate resilient water infrastructure funding, regional water infrastructure plans and funding for the state 50 Year Water Plan, as well as for acequia 50 Year Water Plans

- **Seed Sovereignty:**

▪ Susan Wilger, Public Health Consultant & Eugene Pickett,  
National Black Farmers & Ranchers of NM

**5:20 – 6:10pm:**

**Breakout Sessions will discuss policy strategies for 2022 Legislative Session and priority issues for 2022: Choose your breakout!**

Facilitator will present context, summary of issue(s) and possible policy priorities to consider. ask for note taker and someone to report back in each session

**Room 1: Food, Hunger and Farm Initiative.** Facilitators: Rita Condo and Kendal Chavez

**Room 2: Climate and Natural Resources Initiatives.** Facilitators: Lesli Alison & Brent van Dyke

**Room 3: Water – quality and water for farmers and food security & planning for the future.** Facilitators: NM Acequia Association, Jaime Parks and Emily Arasim, Theresa Cardenas, NM First, example of HB24

**Room 4: Seed Sovereignty** – overview and creating a working group. Share examples of NMAA Declaration/guiding documents. Facilitators: Susan Wilger, Paula Garcia (state examples) and Eugene (federal example) to provide examples/materials

**Structure breakouts for ways to advocate:**

- i. Agencies and Public Sector Participants
- ii. Non-profits, farmers, and food service

**Breakout Structure:**

- What do you want to personally do to take action?
- Roll play

**6:10 – 6:50pm:**

- Groups give 7-minute presentations – sharing from groups

**6:50 – 7:00pm**

- Next steps and thank you!

**Sponsors and Supporters:** NM Food & Agriculture Policy Council, Farm to Table, New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts, Agri-Cultura Network, NM Healthy Soil Working Group, National Young Farmers Coalition, Swan Kitchen, New Mexico Acequia Association, Western Land Owners Alliance, New Mexico First, NM Black Farmers and Ranchers of America, Alliance for Economic Prosperity, Rural Coalition, NM Healthy Kids Healthy Communities of the NM Department of Health, Office of the Governor, McCune Charitable Foundation, Thornburg Foundation, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Carroll Petrie Foundation

For information: NM Food & Agriculture Policy Council, [www.nmfoodpolicy.org/](http://www.nmfoodpolicy.org/)

Contact:

Pam Roy

Farm to Table & the NM Food & Ag Policy Council

505-660-8403

[pam@farmtotablenm.org](mailto:pam@farmtotablenm.org)