

The Land Grant Forum

Monthly Newsletter of the New Mexico Land Grant-Merced Movement

Arroyo Hondo Arriba Land Grant hosts Committee meeting

The Arroyo Hondo Arriba Land Grant hosted the most recent Land Grant Interim Committee meeting in Taos on August 18-19. The initial meeting took place at UNM Taos where the land grant board of trustees spoke to legislators about the history of their land grant and newly developed concerns regarding the well-being of their watershed. Youth mentees and youth development coordinators from the NMLGC, NMAA and the Cerro Negro Project also presented to the Committee.

The next day, legislators were given a tour of the land grant, former *escuelita* and remodeled *morada*. Community members were invited to speak of their lived experiences in Valdez and current struggles being faced by the land grant and surrounding communities.



Current and former board members of the Arroyo Hondo Arriba Land Grant speak to state legislators.



*Legislators were invited to visit the *escuelita* in Valdez and speak with land grant and community members.*



Elders from the Arroyo Hondo Arriba Land Grant share their stories of growing up in the area.

AG's Office opens land grant and acequia gallery

The Attorney General's Office celebrated the grand opening of the Land Grant-Merced and Acequia Gallery and Repository on July 15. Attorney General Hector Balderas, his staff, state representatives and senators, land grant boards of trustees, heirs and acequia users, and community members gathered for the event.

The Gallery features more than twenty land grants and is intended to be a permanent display at the AG's Office. The digital repository is currently developing and will include various archival items from land grants and interviews from land grant leaders.



Attorney General, Hector Balderas, cuts the ribbon at the grand opening event.

Thank you, Rebecca!



Vice-Chairwoman Rebecca Correa-Skartwed announced her resignation from the Land Grant Council in August. She has served the Council since 2019. Rebecca served as President and Vice President of the San Antonio de Las Huertas Land Grant for nearly ten years, following in the footsteps of her great grandfather David T. Trujillo, grandfather David B. Trujillo and uncle Rumaldo Montoya, all former Presidents of the San Antonio de las Huertas Land Grant. During her time on the land grant board, she helped develop the Campo del Oso campsite, represented her land grant in the Sandia Collaborative for the Cibola National Forest plan revision, and so much more. Thank you for your service, Rebecca!

Important Reminders

The next Land Grant Council meeting will be held on **September 20, 2022** in Albuquerque. Visit the Council's website, www.lgc.unm.edu, for more details.

The next Land Grant Consejo meeting will be held on **September 24, 2022** virtually via Zoom. E-mail the Consejo at nmlgconsejo@gmail.com for meeting information.

The Interim Land Grant Committee will be held on **September 22-23, 2022** in **Abiquiú**. Visit www.nmlegis.gov for more information.