



PRESS RELEASE

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From the Socorro Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees

Socorro Electric Cooperative Announces Leadership Transition

During the last 20 months, Socorro Electric Cooperative (SEC) has experienced meaningful and positive changes, renewed focus, and important progress across the organization. This progress has been shaped by the leadership of Manny Gonzales, Chief Executive Officer, whose vision, energy, and commitment have helped strengthen the Cooperative and position it for an exciting future.

The Board of Trustees and employees of SEC are incredibly grateful for Manny's leadership and service to the Cooperative. His contributions have made a positive impact on SEC and the communities we serve. We are pleased that he will continue to be part of the cooperative family as the Chief Executive Officer of Continental Divide Electric Cooperative in Grants, New Mexico. We wish him continued success in this next chapter of his career.

Effective August 14, 2026, current Chief Financial Officer Ronnita "Rauni" Montoya will serve as Interim Chief Executive Officer. Rauni knows this cooperative, understands our members and employees, and has been an important part of the progress we have made.

The Board and Rauni are committed to providing stability and continuity for SEC's employees, members, and communities. Under her leadership, the Cooperative will remain focused on the priorities already underway, including supporting employees, strengthening member relationships, advancing key initiatives, and ensuring SEC continues to provide safe and reliable service to its members.

"I am honored to serve as Interim CEO and help guide the Cooperative through this transition," said Rauni. "SEC has accomplished a great deal over the past 20 months, and I am excited about the opportunities ahead. We have a strong team, a clear sense of purpose, and a shared commitment to serving our members. I look forward to working alongside our employees, Board, and community partners as we build on the progress already made."