



**Colonias Infrastructure Board Meeting Minutes
April 28-29, 2026
Inn of the Mountain Gods, Ruidoso, NM**

Voting Members Present:

Janice Baca-Argabright, Chair	Appointee, Minority Leader of the Senate
Jose Luis Segura, Vice-Chair	Appointee, Speaker of the House of Representatives
Mary Kay Papen	Appointee, President Pro Tempore of the Senate
Marquita Russel, Secretary <i>virtual</i>	CEO, NM Finance Authority
Jesse Guillen	Designee, NM Dept. of Finance and Administration
Steven Deal, <i>virtual</i>	Designee, NM Environment Dept.

Non-Voting Members Present:

Richard Garcia, <i>virtual</i>	Designee, NM Counties
Jay Armijo, <i>virtual</i>	Director, South Central Council of Governments
Dora Batista	Director, Southeastern NMED District
Priscilla Lucero	Director, Southwest NM Council of Governments
Donna Maestas DeVries	Designee, NM Mortgage Finance Authority

Non-Voting Members Absent:

Voting Members Absent:

VACANT	Appointee, Minority Leader House of Representatives
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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** Chair Baca-Argabright called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was established.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Member Segura moved, seconded by Member Guillen, to approve the agenda. The motion passed 6-0.
3. **Approval of Board Minutes.**
 - 3.1 **Member Russel moved, seconded by Member Segura, to approve the March 3, 2026, meeting minutes.** The motion passed 6-0.
4. **2026 Colonias Infrastructure Fund Waiver Requests.**
 - 4.0 **Recommendation of 2026 CIF Fund Waiver Requests.** Staff presented requests from the 2026 CIF applicants for waivers to CIF policies. CIF policies require applicants to demonstrate full compliance with all relevant regulations, including Project Continuation requirements and State Audit Rule, before receiving funding awards. Fifteen waiver requests were received, ten related to Project Continuation and six concerning audit or EO compliance. Staff noted that some applicants may become compliant after the May 14, 2026, award date and indicated that, if additional funds are available, a second award iteration may be recommended in September to accommodate those applicants. Staff

presented each waiver request along with corresponding recommendations. Discussion ensued with staff answering questions from the Board.

- 4.1 City of Bayard (CIF-7071) Roads/Drainage Project
- 4.2 Village of Columbus (CIF-7073) Water Infrastructure Project
- 4.3 City of Deming (CIF-7074; CIF-7075; CIF-7076), Solid Waste and Water Infrastructure
- 4.4 Dona Ana County (CIF-7077; CIF-7078; CIF-7079) Flood Prevention and Wastewater Infrastructure
- 4.5 City of Elephant Butte (CIF-7080) Wastewater Infrastructure Project
- 4.6 Grant County (CIF-7081; CIF-7082; CIF-7083; CIF-7084) Roads/Drainage
- 4.7 Hidalgo County (CIF-7086) Water Infrastructure Project
- 4.8 Leasburg MDWCA (CIF-7090) Water Infrastructure Project
- 4.9 Lincoln County (CIF-7091) Roads/Drainage Project
- 4.10 City of Lordsburg (CIF-7092) Roads/Drainage Project
- 4.11 Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority (CIF-7093; CIF-7094) Wastewater Infrastructure
- 4.12 Luna County (CIF-7095; CIF-7096; CIF-7097) Roads/Drainage Projects
- 4.13 Timberon WSD (CIF-7110) Solid Waste Project
- 4.14 City of Truth or Consequences (CIF-7113) Roads/Drainage Project

Member Russel moved, seconded by Member Papen, to approve items 4.1-4.14. The motion passed 6-0.

4.15 Southwest Solid Waste Authority (CIF-7106) Solid Waste Project. Representatives of the Solid Waste Authority provided additional comments regarding their FY2024 audit exit conference.

Member Guillen moved, seconded by Member Segura, to approve item 4.15. The motion passed 6-0.

5. 2026 Colonias Infrastructure Fund Application Presentations. Representatives from the respective areas listed below presented their projects and answered questions from the Board.

- 5.1 City of Bayard (CIF-7071) Roads/Drainage Improvements, \$785,000**
- 5.2 Village of Columbus (CIF-7073) Water Tank Rehab/Distribution System, \$2,000,000**
- 5.3 City of Deming (CIF-7074) Butterfield Trail Regional Landfill, \$2,630,860**
- 5.4 City of Deming (CIF-7075) Hydrant System Phase I, \$480,000**
- 5.5 City of Deming (CIF-7076) Poplar Street Surface/Road Upgrades, \$5,288,632**
Member Russel was replaced by Designee Member Fernando Martinez
- 5.6 Dona Ana County (CIF-7078) Chaparral WW Collection Ph. 3C, \$5,395,904**
- 5.7 Dona Ana County (CIF-7079) Chaparral WW Collection Ph. 2B, \$10,432,646**
- 5.8 City of Elephant Butte (CIF-7080) WW Collection System Ph. 4C. \$5,681,550**
- 5.9 Grant County (CIF-7081) Ridge Road Ph. II Improvements, \$4,455,714**
- 5.10 Grant County (CIF-7082) Franks Road Improvements, \$1,088,605**
- 5.11 Grant County (CIF-7083) Crum Road Improvements, \$2,521,284**
- 5.12 Grant County (CIF-7084) Broken Arrow Road Improvements, \$318,182**
- 5.13 Leasburg MDWCA (CIF-7090) Water System Improvements, \$5,413,000**
- 5.14 Lincoln County (CIF-7091) Alamo Canyon Road, \$204,545**
- 5.15 City of Lordsburg (CIF-7092) Road/Drainage Improvements, \$4,621,000**
- 5.16 Lower Rio Grande PWWA (CIF-7093) Lift Station 17, \$3,540,013**
- 5.17 Lower Rio Grande PWWA (CIF-7094) Lift Station 19, \$252,957**

- 5.18 Luna County (CIF-7095) North Boundary Rd. Phase I, \$1,601,547
- 5.19 Luna County (CIF-7096) Keeler Rd. Improvements, \$900,000
- 5.20 Luna County (CIF-7097) Keeler Farms Roadway/Drainage Improvements, \$1,850,805
- 5.21 Timberon WSD (CIF-7110) Solid Waste Disposal Expansion, \$120,000
- 5.22 City of Truth or Consequences (CIF-7113) Marie Street Improvements, \$1,363,637
- 5.23 Southwest Solid WA (CIF-7106) Landfill Expansion and Collection Center, \$1,999,516
- 5.24 Cider Mill Farms MDWCA (CIF-7072) Water System Improvements, \$250,000

(Chair Baca-Argabright recessed the Board Meeting for the day at 12:22 p.m.)

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

(Board Meeting reconvened at 10:03 a.m.)

(Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established)

- 5.25 City of Sunland Park (CIF-7107) Futurity Dr. Reconstruction/Drainage, \$4,500,000
- 5.26 City of Sunland Park (CIF-7108) South Lift Station, \$4,218,019
- 5.27 City of Sunland Park (CIF-7109) WW Collection System Improvements, \$700,000
- 5.28 Otero County (CIF-7100) Bent Round Mt. Roads/Drainage, \$5,365,654
- 5.29 Otero County (CIF-7101) La Luz Gate Rd. Reconstruction, \$4,679,173
- 5.30 Village of Ruidoso (CIF-7102) Ponderosa Ph. I, \$2,500,000
- 5.31 Village of Ruidoso (CIF-7103) Waterline System Improvements, \$4,500,000
- 5.32 Village of Ruidoso (CIF-7104) Ponderosa Ph. II, \$4,000,000
- 5.33 Town of Hurley (CIF-7087) Chino Blvd-Cortez to Nevada Rds/Drainage, \$245,100
- 5.34 Lea County (CIF-7089) Water System Improvements, \$9,106,894
- 5.35 Socorro County (CIF-7105) San Antonio Drainage Detention Pond, \$2,363,636
- 5.36 Village of Hatch (CIF-7085) Wastewater Collection System, \$5,681,550
- 5.37 Town of Mesilla (CIF-7098) Water Tank Project, \$2,500,000
- 5.38 Town of Mesilla (CIF-7099) Fire Hydrant Replacements, \$697,776

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- 6. **Next Meetings.** May 14, 2026, 10:00 a.m., Colonias Infrastructure Board (Cloudcroft Council Chambers) CIB 2026 Funding Recommendations
- 7. **Public Comment.** None.
- 8. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Margueta R. Murr

Secretary

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Date