

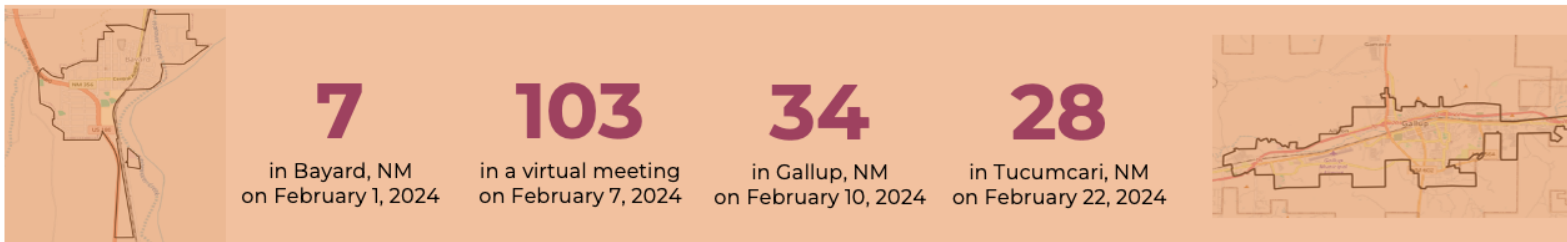


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Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Community Engagement Public Meeting Results

Overview:

The Prospera team convened four public meetings to solicit input on the proposed measures for the State of New Mexico’s Climate Action Plan. One meeting was held virtually and the other three meetings were held in person in Bayard, New Mexico, Gallup, New Mexico, and Tucumcari, New Mexico.

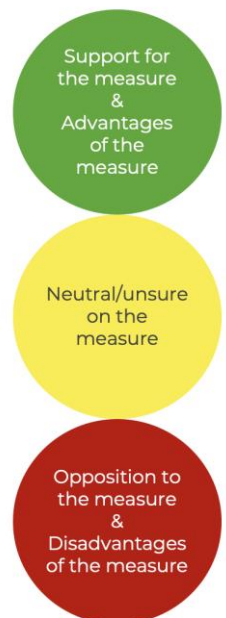


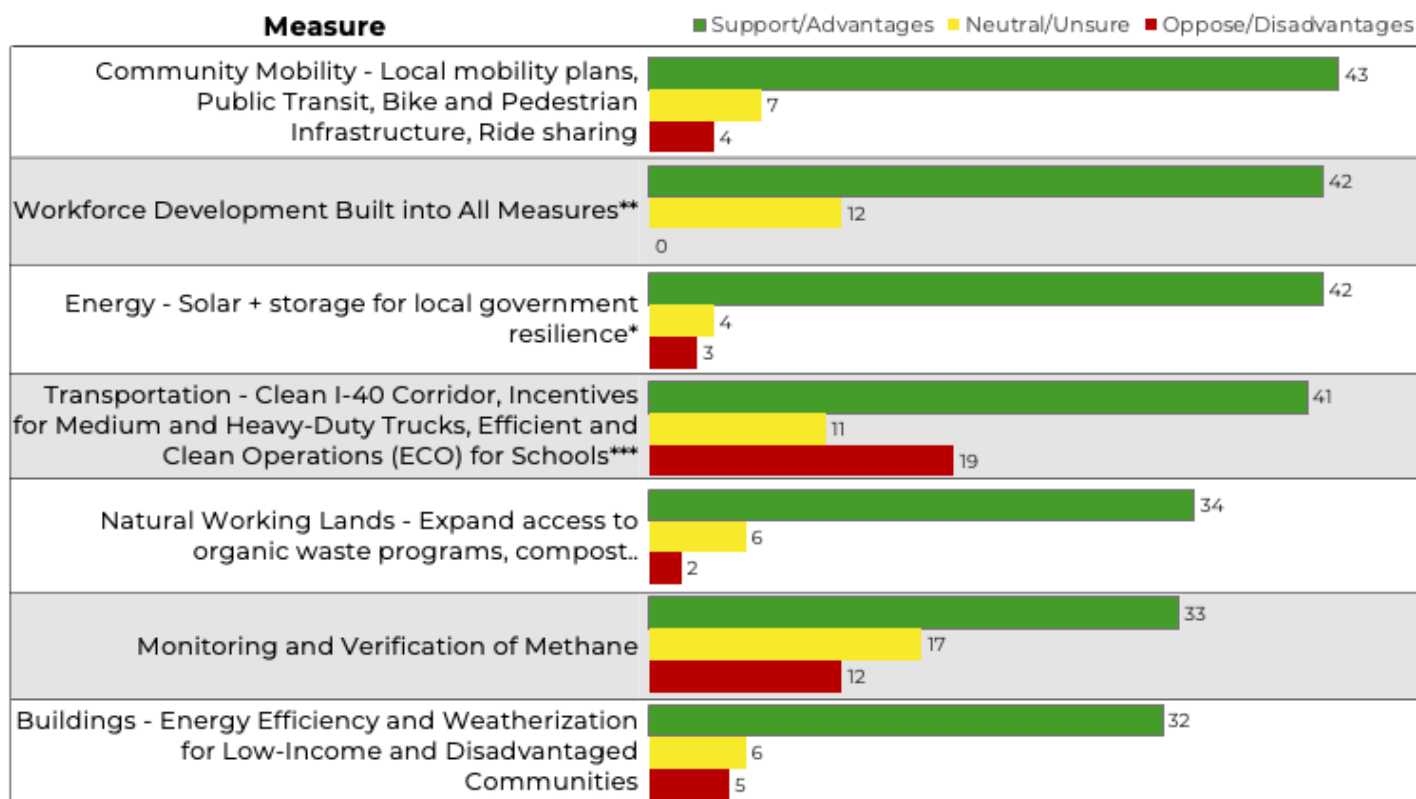
7 people participated in person in Bayard, NM in Grant County, 103 people attended the virtual statewide meeting, 34 community members participated in the meeting in Gallup, NM, and 28 attended in Tucumcari, NM.

Support for Proposed Measures

At each session, participants were asked to provide feedback on the state’s proposed Climate Action Plan measures using red, yellow, and green colored dots to indicate support for or opposition to the proposed measures. Participants were also given the opportunity to comment on what they perceived to be the advantages and disadvantages of each measure.

The results of this exercise are reported below, sorted by the number of green dots each measure received across the three meetings.





*Not asked among Bayard participants. **Not asked among Tukumcari participants. ***Asked as three separate measures among Tukumcari participants

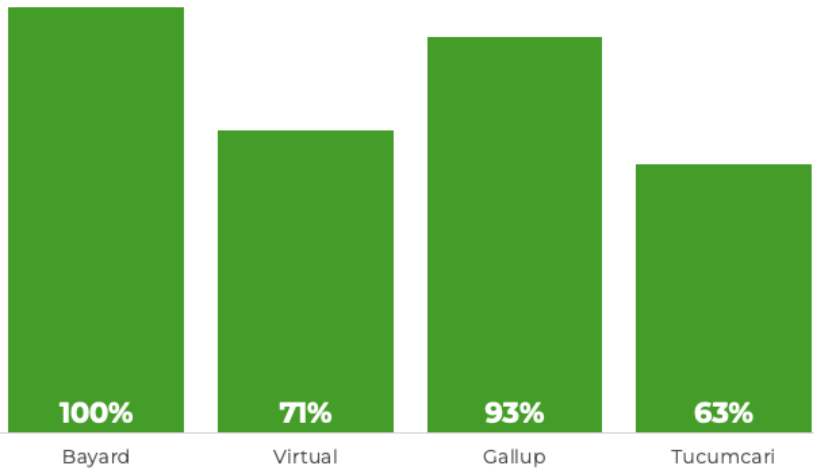
Participants were most supportive of community mobility measures, workforce development programs being built into all measures, and solar and storage for local government resilience. No participants across any of the meetings opposed including workforce development.

Support for the transportation and methane measures was slightly more mixed with a sizable group of participants noting benefits or supporting, but an almost equal number of participants either neutral, noting disadvantages, or opposed. Fewer participants supported the natural working lands measure, but only two participants across the four meetings had specific concerns. The energy efficiency and weatherization for low income and disadvantaged communities measure garnered the lowest levels of support among participants, though this measure did not receive significant opposition.

Taken together, these findings suggest that the community is primarily interested in how the state can leverage the federal CPRG funds to positively and directly impact their communities through workforce development, strengthening alternative mobility programs, and local access to renewable energy.

Measure - Community Mobility - Local mobility plans, Public Transit, Bike and Pedestrian Infrastructure, Ride sharing

% Support by Meeting



Support for community mobility was high across groups. Participants in the in-person meetings in Bayard and Gallup were more likely than participants in the virtual meeting and the Tukumcari meeting to be supportive of community mobility measures. However, almost three quarters of participants in the virtual meeting and almost two thirds of participants in Tukumcari supported these measures.

Participants were able to provide open-ended comments on this measure. Those comments are below:

Support/Advantages

- Community mobility: more transit vehicles and longer hours!!
- I ride the Gallup Express bus, a local shuttle. I ride the senior center (in Gallup) bus that transports people my age. Where is the increased funding for them?
- Safer in town train systems with wide trails, over and under passes
- I live in a community just outside of Belen, NM and would love to have more access to public transit and bike infrastructure.
- E bike rebates
- Support for Free bus programs
- Love this! This is what we need
- Connection between cities/towns as well. Park and ride service expansion, railrunner expansion, etc
- As a passionate cyclist, better bike lanes (separated from cars) in my community (Santa Fe) would make such a difference for feeling safe cycling for my daily commute.
- Better access to bike & pedestrian lanes in rural areas will help make our communities feel more connected, give us opportunities to get outside.
- Last mile funding - scooters, on-demand ride share programs, electric vehicle shuttle programs

- important for the youth and elderly! make it free or low-cost
- Could support better transit connection - for pedestrians including shading and more effective bus service -- that is FREE for riders.
- Large bike lanes in rural communities
- free and accessible public transit made all the difference when I started commuting for college!
- Yes! Communities know best what is needed, and definitely need to expand public transit through the state. My community knows best of where to plan
- expanding public transit helps on so many levels, from reducing GHG in the transportation sector to building community resiliency. Will be extremely beneficial!
- Public transport is crucial and can be used for increased vehicles, better health through emissions control.
- construction can use green asphalt or permeable pavement to reduce runoff and encourage infiltration
- We want it
- We are a biking area. It makes sense to expand opportunities
- It would be great. Maybe some public bikes or something
- Incredible idea
- Increases access to school, work, and play
- Have to think outside the box to find uses and opportunities for this. We need local transportation opportunities. Not sure the cost could be equated
- Community bonding

Neutral/Unsure

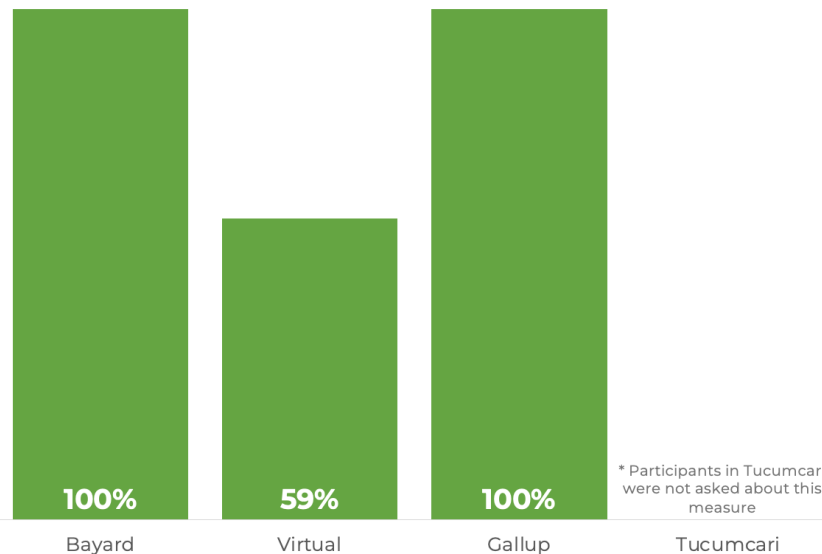
- Focus on transit connections. Railrunner schedules should mesh with Amtrak. Free parking at transit stations.
- would like to see extra focus on public transit - shuttles, vans, ride share, train. I know young people in my community of Los Lunas who want to work but they have no transportation
- I live six miles from my city center, but have NO public transportation because I'm in the county. (Not that the in-city buses are any good.) And I'm both old and poor. :-9
- Pilot vehicle-to-grid at a school with many abuses. This has the potential to replace large grid-scale battery systems which people fear due to fire. And reduces power rates.
- This seems like the most important aspect. Supporting community mobility without expensive cars and allowing people access to transportation.
- Make all public transit free! Anything less will be underutilized. Maybe incentives for people who commute by public transit?
- Supporting modes of transit beyond individually owned cars. It's challenging in our state, but really important.

Oppose/Disadvantages

- What about schools who want to participate using electric buses? 85 buses are not even 10% to cover the entire state right?
- Mobility cannot be rationed
- It would be hard in this small of a community I think
- Limited consumers

Measure - Workforce Development Built into All Measures

% Support by Meeting



Participants in Gallup and Bayard were much more likely to support workforce development measures being built into all measures than participants in the virtual meeting. All participants in the in-person meetings were supportive of the inclusion of workforce development. Less than two thirds of participants in the virtual meeting were supportive. Participants in Tukumcari were not asked about this part of the plan.

Participants were able to provide open-ended comments on this measure. Those comments are below:

Support/Advantages

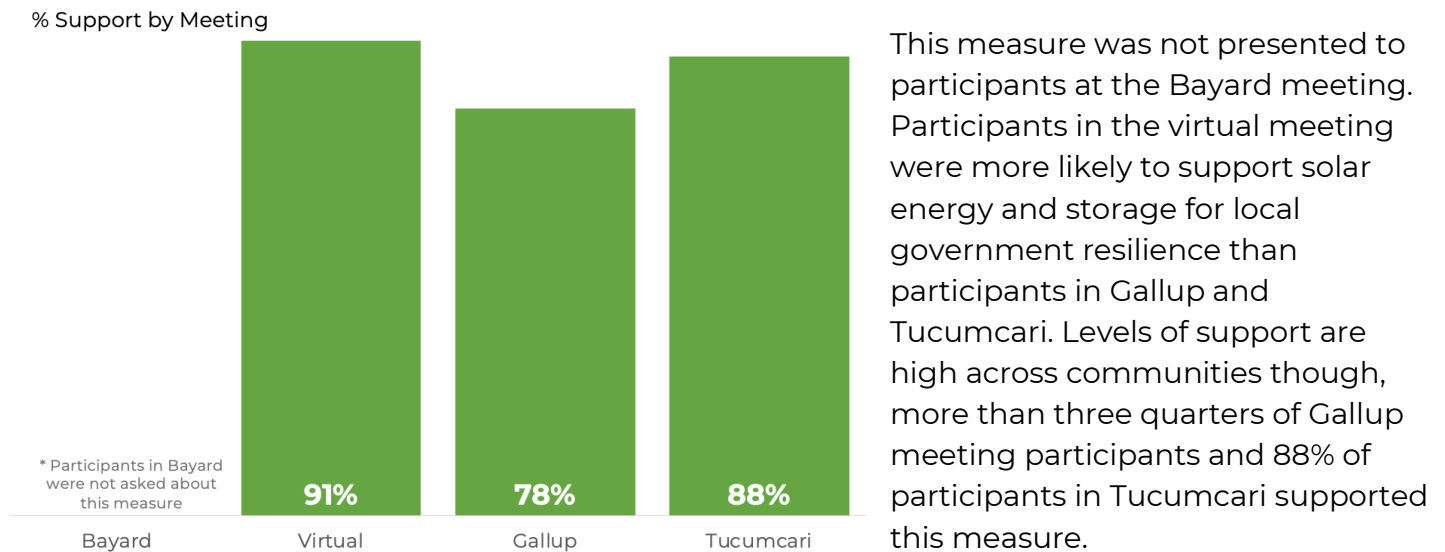
- Do it! If UNM wont do we need a community college w/technical training here
- Please, please, please fund to hire teachers to teach the great mass of young people available to train for the job require to do the transition
- Education training and retraining would benefit the communities
- Link job development to other grants in this program so a grant for infrastructure includes training for new people to install that infrastructure.
- Let's make sure workers are paid during training so they can actually afford to be trained for these new jobs
- Look at what IL did with groundbreaking climate jobs legislation and funding <https://ilcleanjobs.org/>
- Young people want clean, green, and family-supporting jobs!
- Need to make sure green jobs go to workers looking to transition.
- Let's use this as an opportunity to set young NM workers for success. Create a strong pipeline for workers that ensure quality jobs in the clean energy sector. It's a win-win.
- If done right - a huge advantage is the opportunity to create apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship pipelines!
- absolutely needed to make a positive approach work
- Need to make sure that New Mexicans are trained for clean energy job opportunities.

- an advantage to focusing on workforce development is that it is attractive to more conservative local lawmakers.
- Workforce development for cleanup sector too!
- Advantages: we want to see good job creation that brings new and underrepresented and overburdened communities into skilled building trades positions.
- Critical to remember much of our workforce is undocumented, make sure it is accessible to all communities regardless of status. Need an intentional and just plan.
- creating a fund that local government could have access to for pollution reduction that have real economic and job opportunities!! Clean jobs and communities!
- A fund for local communities to do workforce development as part of all this infrastructure development would be a HUGE ADVANTAGE.
- Job training in cleanup and remediation - because there's a lot of need for those jobs and that work to be invested in.
- Yes, now please and thank you
- Workforce development is vital in any shift in technology and new product availability

Neutral/Unsure

- The first step to ensure no communities are excluded from these opportunities is to work directly with workers and frontline communities
- Need a permian-basin, BIPOC/immigrant-focused pro-active workforce dev. and jobs plan. Not good enough to say workforce dev will be infused into all measures.
- PR: green jobs are sexy. Natural resource extraction is dirty.
- Immigrant oil and gas workers, families and youth are not eligible for many traditional/workforce dev programs including paid apprenticeships. Need a \$ plan to include.
- funding for enforcement of health and safety standards and training in oil and gas and emerging green industries.
- Jobs & workforce dev plan in southeastern NM needs to incorporate regional workforce boards, adult ed/integrated ed programs, and non-union worker org
- funding needs to go to transition funds/guaranteed income to low wage workers in permian basin who are training of new jobs.
- Flexible funding needs to augment restrictive WIOA funding to Eastern regional board, IET's/Adult Ed programs for youth, adult and women workers in permian
- Pipeline must ensure rural communities & oil & gas families most impacted by climate/oil and gas pollution and transition are prioritized. If not jobs will go only to urban...
- Show the oil and gas politicians there is a way out of their climate-killing predicament.
- Develop grant guidelines that favor LIDAC communities, the JTA funds went to out state oil and gas interests
- Let's integrate the current workforce excluded from Workforce dev support , but also many community members who will be entering the workforce for the first time! (women)!!

Measure - Energy - Solar + Storage for Local Government Resilience



Participants were able to provide open-ended comments on this measure. Those comments are below:

Support/Advantages

- EV charging at city council facilities can generate revenues for city of Gallup
- Another form of funding for the Solar Access initiative which the legislature may not fund this year.
- Great priority. Saves money for local gov to redirect into vital services for community.
- A great idea for promoting sustainable work for our communities. Particularly if local governments are given funding to do this to keep infra local.
- Would like our state to be a leader in solar. I think a lot of people are unknowledgeable about solar for their homes. A large amount of people think its very expensive still.
- Glad to see renewable energy deployment strategy as a priority. This is the low-hanging fruit. All public buildings should be solarized ASAP.
- Could help government buildings with basic services be more resilient - especially with storage. Would significantly reduce emissions.
- Significant quantifiable benefits solar for carbon emissions reductions, and this will empower widespread community deployment and emissions reductions
- Benefits also include cost reductions and safety and security with buildings and infrastructure that don't lose power during emergencies
- Major solar infrastructure development comes with the advantage of JOB CREATION and the opportunity for pre-apprenticeship programs!
- There is huge need and desire for this across our state. This will have significant impact for communities everywhere, particularly resilience for rural communities

- Yes! NM is sitting on a gold mine with our access to land and sun! Let's create a solid infrastructure that will offset energy costs to residence and get federal \$ kickbacks!
- Solarization of all public libraries & community centers would be great.
- Could reduce energy burden for communities that have limited resources which could more allocate resources for other important community needs
- There are local job training opportunities in renewable tech this could support
- Advantage: bridge the gap between the urgent need for GOOD jobs and RENEWABLE energy!
- a good way to help local governments and Tribes transition and increase resilience
- Need to make sure our public buildings are able to access the benefits of solar - cost saving and emissions reductions. This is a great idea!
- solarize critical infrastructure - waste water treatment, community centers, fire stations, etc.
- Solarizar la infraestructura pública
- Spend more on storage as battery prices come down.
- Yes! Proven technology with years of reliable information. Ensure communities have an easy pathway to solarize.
- This would be great! I think it would be good to use the space to generate energy
- Could at least back up our power system in major outages (community solar project)
- Emergency energy during a disaster
- A backup grid could save lives
- Very good idea!
- Cost saving
- Microgrids for EMS/Police/Firefighters/Hospitals

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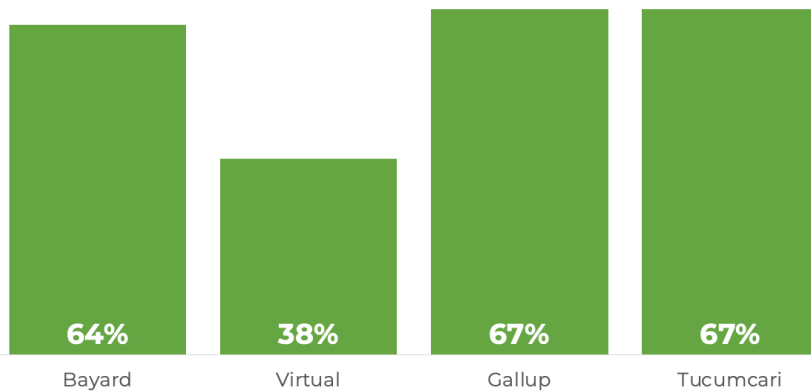
- Would be great if it could include microgrids
- Microgrids which can disconnect from the main grid during disasters!

Oppose/Disadvantages

- Expense of batteries lithium limitations
- Keep the current solar projects we have in good working order in the solar field out on I-40.
- Worker training for repairs/service

Measure - Transportation - Clean I-40 Corridor, Incentives for Medium and Heavy Duty Trucks, Efficient and Clean Operations (ECO) for Schools

% Support by Meeting



Support for the transportation and measures was mixed with a sizable group of participants noting benefits or supporting, but an almost equal number of participants either neutral, noting disadvantages, or opposed. Around two-thirds of participants in the Bayard, Gallup, and Tucumcari meetings supported this measure while only a little more than a third of participants in the virtual meeting expressed support for the proposed transportation measures.

Participants were able to provide open-ended comments on this measure. Those comments are below:

Support/Advantages

- Highly supportive the idea to enhance cleaner transportation
- Encourages school district who receive electric school buses to apply for ZEVS for their fleet vehicles
- Incentives for any fleet operations in our state to transition to biodiesel created from vegetable oil should be issues
- EV buses are expensive, what about EV passenger Van cheaper?
- Need to offer enhanced buses with the capability of off roading to the roads getting bad on Navajo Nation
- Economic advantages as truck traffic passes through leaving behind spending in NM and not the emissions!
- The option to build infrastructure on the front side of transportation, makes NM a leader and not playing “catchup”
- I love the idea of energy audits for schools! So important for climate and to model energy efficiency for students.
- Good for nearby communities to reduce local pollution

- rural Areas will benefit from clean energy workforce training based around the clean infrastructure. Taking the technology where also jobs are needed.
- Our school system needs to be upgraded to modern society ad modern society also means having clean and sustainable place for education
- Major truck manufacturers are already buying into investing into NM because of our priority for clean fueling infrastructure
- Yes please
- Health, transport, accountability
- Tucumcari would be a good place to put a station
- Tucumcari needs economic development
- Economic boost. Location will determine level of boost. West end of Rt. 66, the old truck terminal
- Economic impact
- Would create safer driving for families
- This would bring great economic benefits and jobs
- Very for this
- It would be nice to give business owners help in changing over to electric if they'd like
- Health
- Small routes for some
- Health benefits for children
- Could be useful! It could be nice for them
- Like the oppportunity for the infrastructure along with the vehicles

Neutral/Unsure

- Further consideration of challenges EV's will have on reservations with no roads.
- Four ways electric trucks fit with long-haul operations: <https://bit.ly/3OwfuuU>
- Hydrogen is a climate threat, not a solution. A lot of evidence that even green is much less efficient a fuel even for long-haul than battery. So many better ways to spend our \$.

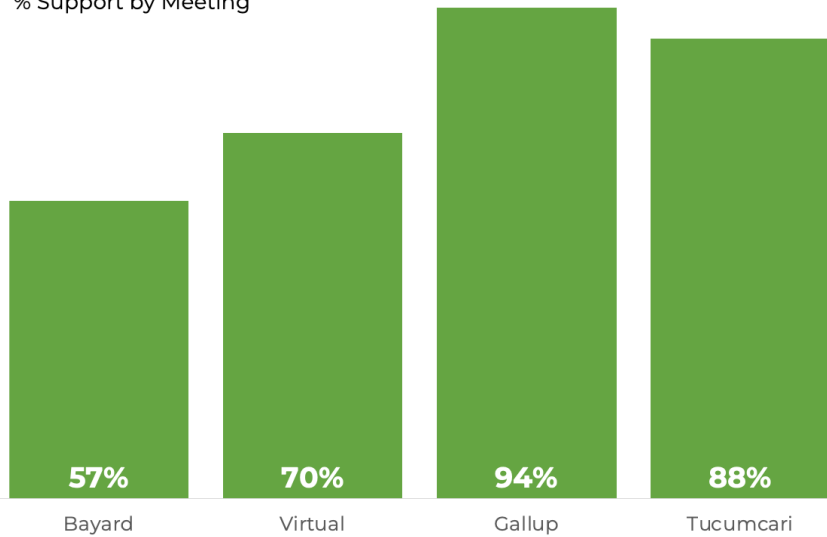
Oppose/Disadvantages

- I believe EV is a doomed technology
- If you allow anything but green hydrogen you may lock in GHG emissions for decades, Infrastructure is generally build for 10-30 years of use.
- Doesn't make sense to invest in hydrogen when it is expensive, largely increases GHG, and is a natural resource drain. Our money could be better used elsewhere
- Prioritizing school districts outside of Rio Grande corridor that are in greater need of federal/state resources is good idea.

- Concerns about use of hydrogen. hydrogen use could compound impacts in EJ communities. Green hydrogen only, but we don't have the water. Fracking waste is not water.
- Eliminate hydrogen. It's unproven and vast majority is derived from fossil fuels - won't address GHG - there are better resources.
- Building out EV infrastructure outside of I-40 corridor to promote accessibility to rural communities is needed as well.
- Great to modernize our schools and transition to renewable energy, but extremely concerned about hydrogen. Please don't conflate the two.
- Hydrogen is an unproven technology to reduce GHG despite the different colors, EVs and renewables exists. Why would we invest millions in this?
- Energy Economics should also be considered - hydrogen has not proven economic
- Associating our schools' transition to cleaner energy with such an imprudent and unproven industry as hydrogen presents a barrier to quickly and efficiently transitioning schools
- Can't happen fast enough.
- Do we have electricity available for this?
- Location - not Exit 333, too congested already
- Costs can exceed expectations. Tax situations for roads has to be addressed before implementation
- Not sure how this would impact Tucumcari for local businesses. Overall for the state I can see a benefit. Access and cost are the largest factors
- Our district has some really long routes. Adverse weather affects electric more
- Distances the buses drive
- Training and access

Measure - Natural Working Lands - Expand access to organic waste programs, compost

% Support by Meeting



Support for natural working lands measures was highest among participants in the Gallup and Tukumcari meetings and lowest among participants in the Bayard meeting. Only a little more than half of Bayard participants supported this measure. Nearly three quarters of participants in the virtual meeting were supportive of this measure.

Participants were able to provide open-ended comments on this measure. Those comments are below:

Support/Advantages

- More collection of overstock perishables from institutions to community pantries
- More funded collection of compostable household waste at the communities level
- Composting city/county facility CRITICAL, partner with the pantry
- Ability to deliver waste food from groceries restaurants for consumption
- Northwest NM Solid Waste Authority is very interested in a bicounty+ beyond composting operations
- Need to generate more employment opportunities for businesses and entrepreneurs related to public lands use. What about community farms on state land office lands?
- Good idea! Would be good for soil regeneration which will increase resilience and carbon storage in soil!
- Needs to include restoration of natural ecosystem and acknowledge the benefits of ecosystem services, such as clean air and water
- Educating folks on why composting materials do NOT belong in the trash bin!
- Would love to have access to recycling in rural areas.
- Green waste collection in all municipalities would be amazing. It feels strange to put green waste in with trash in this day and age.
- make composting normal, easy, convenient for all
- Would be super beneficial! Hopefully can reduce waste in individual households.

- Love this
- Opportunities to recycle/compost would be nice
- LOVE THIS!! It would be wonderful to have education and/or a place to make this happen
- Waste water treatment plants might be a good collection point - encourage use as garbage disposal for passive water delivery
- Help support the ag industry
- Could support local ag
- Very good idea along with regenerative ag

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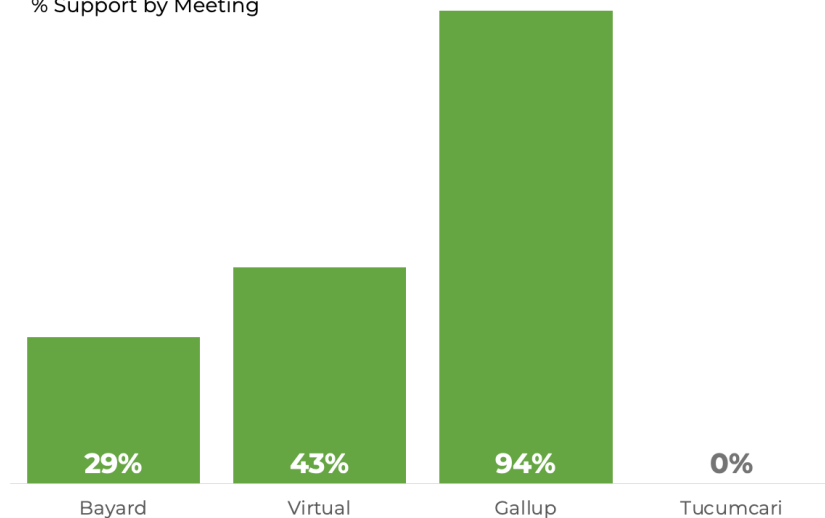
- Compost for all!
- Will it be possible for communities to get help with something like a community garden with composting capability? I can also see the potential for this to create jobs.
- Connects with SB 79 (if passed), which creates a composting work group to make recommendations

Oppose/Disadvantages

- Rather than recycle corridor in Gallup Incineration plants w/scrubbers to power city buildings (heat and electricity)
- Logistics - need more recycling opportunities

Measure - Monitoring and Verification of Methane Emissions

% Support by Meeting



Participants in the Gallup meeting were almost twice as likely to support the monitoring and verification of methane emissions than participants in the virtual meeting and more than three times as likely to support this measure than participants in Bayard. This may reflect the disproportionate impact of methane emissions on communities in the northwest part of the state. No participants at the Tucumcari meeting supported this measure.

Participants were able to provide open-ended comments on this measure. Those comments are below:

Support/Advantages

- Extremely important issue towards reduction of climate warming toxins
- Agriculture Industry big in NM Dairy Farms/Feedlots possible sector of methane emissions
- Public health very important
- Methane reduction is very important. Industry needs to comply with rules
- Needs to be better regulated
- Important to monitor methane and Co2 pollutant emissions
- From outer space satellites can SEE where methane leaks are happening in our states
- Reduction needed due to volatile compounds
- Polluters pay their fair share
- This is a win / win for both Producers and the Public. Producers get increase profits and the Public gets cleaner air.
- Advantages Reduce Public Health Impact
- Advantages Long Term GHG reductions
- Good for air quality and overall improvement in our personal health.
- Oil and Gas said they would keep production clean. So we should hold them to it
- Good for air quality and overall improvement in our personal health.
- Drone and Satellite tech can make finding Methane leaks fast, cheap, and easy.
- Community science monitoring. 20 cheap air monitors as good as one high end monitor. Students and community members can know their air and spot problems faster.
- Extra revenue!

- Ventajas
- Penalties for methane release will lead to better designed drilling equipment procedures.
- Verification and Enforcement Please
- Methane capture will pay for itself in less than 1 year. It is a win for the producer and local peoples surrounded by wells.
- Reduce flaring and waste of resources

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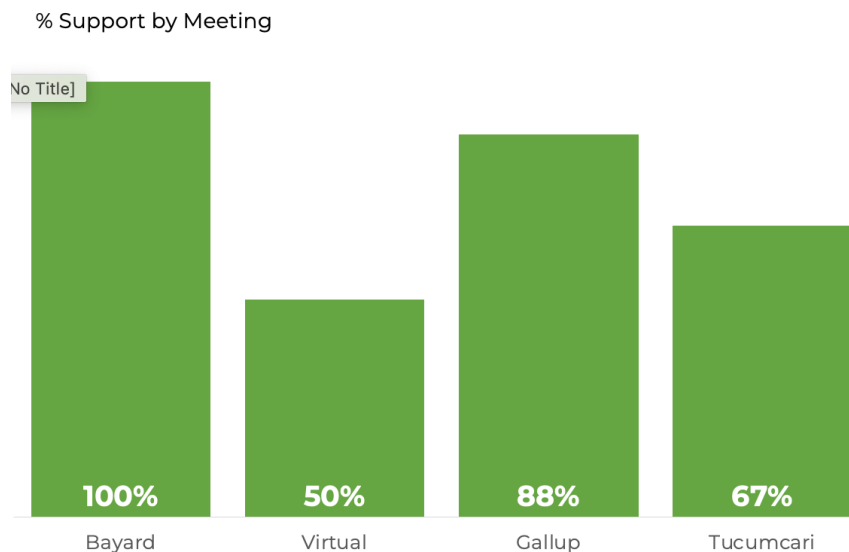
- I feel that including hydrogen stations is creating infrastructure that may be less advantageous and even detrimental.
- Otras preguntas
- Other Questions/Feedback New Mexico doesn't have the capacity to monitor methane,
- Will there be adequate fees imposed on companies that violate methane rules
- Enforcement
- Enforcement for methane reduction will be difficult, theirs currently environmental crimes task force so maybe more funding for this department
- What entity is currently responsible for enforcing methane rules in fossil fuel extraction zones?
- This is great, but only will have an advantage if it's enforced and if industry/polluters are held accountable.
- We need this desperately. People who live around the oil fields say it is an anything-goes system. They need "parenting"
- This is great but will only be effective if the methane rule enforced and if industry/polluters are held accountable to be able to have attainable data, monitoring, etc.
- Not a priority for a small town
- Cost?
- We need a baseline - natural and man-made
- We need a baseline

Oppose/Disadvantages

- Will it cost more money without use of natural gas
- Enforcement
- educating folks on the science and reality of unhealthy air quality.
- Thought I put this in already: State has limited capacity for bringing on qualified people to regulate industry. Need to expand the range of entities who can monitor and verify
- Funds for enforcement. The rules are only as effective as the enforcement is. It's been sorely under enforced. Need more funding to fully staff efforts.
- If State Government has the monopoly on this activity it will be constrained by the limitations of the State's ability to bring in qualified people
- Only as good as enforcement - which has not been happening adequately.

- Under staffed agencies are not able to enforce
- Lack of training & apprenticeship programs available in SENM. We need a plan including communities currently excluded from workforce development program
- Desventajas
- The Four Corners is literally drowning in Methane. Help soon please
- Lack of education of the public

Measure - Buildings - Energy Efficiency and Weatherization for Low-Income and Disadvantaged Communities



Support for energy efficiency and weatherization for low-income and disadvantaged communities was higher among participants in the Gallup and Bayard meetings than those who participated in the virtual and Tukumcari meetings. Only half of virtual participants were supportive of this measure. All participants in the Bayard meeting supported energy efficiency and weatherization programs and a sizable majority of Gallup participants were supportive. Two thirds of Tukumcari participants

expressed support for this measure.

Participants were able to provide open-ended comments on this measure. Those comments are below:

Support/Advantages

- Need investment on infrastructure like roads, bike lanes, etc.
- Solar programs should be authorized for Gallup, better collaboration with Navajo Nation
- We need more approval and funding for neighborhood community solar microgrids to generate on-site energy for residential neighborhoods
- Homeowners would greatly appreciate ways to decrease energy and electrification assistance.
- Copy state of California BLDG code requiring all new residential and commercial construction to include renewable energy/solar sufficient to meet the building energy requirements
- A big advantage here seems like the potential for good job creation for community members.
- Personally, my family can benefit from weatherization support to transition to renewable energy. The International District can definitely benefit from this.
- heat pumps that increase efficiency and save low-income households \$\$\$
- Energy efficiency/weatherization for LIDAC is a win for people living in the buildings, for the community, for the climate! Make it easy for people to access.

- Renewables implementation in rural NM, and wood-stove change outs
- Yes! need to create incentives for landlords of housing complexes to buy in (apartment complexes & trailer parks have tenants stuck on electric heat which is expensive!!!)
- Should include solarization as well especially for housing complexes
- We need this for small, older communities
- Assist residents with disabilities, senior citizens, lower income
- Could be needed in our community. This would be a huge benefit here. A lot of older homes could benefit
- Great idea
- A must
- Needed - especially for elderly and low-income

Neutral/Unsure

- Important that the program includes multiple languages, application support and follow-up, and a fairly EASY and ACCESSIBLE process/application
- Will there be enough staff to respond to the requests? Adding jobs in communities to meet the needs and requests sounds like a good plan.
- I got good ideas on weatherization from the chat, but I am on my third attempt at solar, and still don't know if it's going to happen.
- A one-stop shop/phone hotline/website and email address, along with outreach, seems really important so people know what they have access to and how to apply.
- Others have said this, but there needs to be a way for folks in non-environmentally focused communities to apply for help, both weatherization and solar.
- individual home weatherization should be prioritized for physical and financial survival

Oppose/Disadvantages

- Weatherization requires basic home repairs before weatherization approaches can be effective. The home repairs are more costly and challenging than the weatherization.
- Need money for basic home repairs in addition to weatherization
- Please make wait times shorter. We need this now.
- Access/installer/repairs
- Lack of trained installers