



**STEPHANIE GARCIA RICHARD, COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

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## **State Land Office Community Conversations Kicking Off in San Miguel and Mora Counties**

**SANTA FE, NM** – The State Land Office (SLO) today announced San Miguel and Mora County as the first locations in a series of community conversations that will be taking place across the state. Both events will take place this Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Full details are below. The purpose of the events is to connect with lease holders and the general public to discuss the work, accomplishments, and priorities of the state agency, which is charged with managing and stewarding over 13 million acres of state trust land in the best interest of the public. The Commissioner and staff will conduct informal conversations with community members, answering questions and receiving feedback from those who attend these conversations.

“At the State Land Office, we strive to be transparent and responsive to the constituents and communities we serve throughout New Mexico,” Commissioner Garcia Richard said. “These community conversations are just one part of these efforts.”

For three years in a row, the SLO has raised over \$1 billion annually to benefit New Mexico public schools, hospitals, and universities. The SLO leases land in 32 of New Mexico’s 33 Counties for a variety of uses including ranching and farming, renewable energy, business development, mineral development, and outdoor recreation. The State Land Office has a dual mandate to use state trust land to financially support vital public institutions, while simultaneously working to protect the land for future generations.

Stephanie Garcia Richard is the first woman, first Latina, and first educator to serve as New Mexico’s Commissioner of Public Lands. Learn more [here](#).

### **San Miguel County (Las Vegas) Community Conversation:**

**Who:** Commissioner of Public Lands Stephanie Garcia Richard, SLO staff and YOU, members of the public interested in learning more about the State Land Office and providing feedback

**What:** In-person informal meeting

**When:** Thursday, July 22, 2021 from 9:30 – 11:30 AM

**Where:** San Miguel County Commissioner Chambers

500 West National Avenue, Las Vegas, NM 87701

## COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS



WITH COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS  
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### LAS VEGAS!

THURSDAY, JULY 22ND, 2021

9:30 - 11:30 AM

SAN MIGUEL COMMISSION CHAMBERS

500 WEST NATIONAL AVE.

LAS VEGAS, NM 87701

#### **Mora County (Mora) Community Conversation:**

Who: Commissioner of Public Lands Stephanie Garcia Richard, SLO staff and YOU, members of the public interested in learning more about the State Land Office and providing feedback

What: In-person informal meeting

When: Thursday, July 2, 2021 from 2:30 – 4:30 PM

Where: Mora County Commissioner Chambers

1 Courthouse Drive, Mora NM 87732

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### MORA!

THURSDAY JULY 22ND, 2021

2:30 - 4:30 PM

MORA COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

1 COURTHOUSE DR.

MORA, NM

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*Commissioner of Public Lands Stephanie Garcia Richard has overseen the New Mexico State Land Office since 2019. In that time the agency has raised \$3.4 billion for New Mexico public schools, hospitals, and universities. Over 13 million acres of state trust land are leased for a variety of uses, including ranching and farming, renewable energy, business development, mineral development, and*

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