

### **Resilience Roadmap and Capacity Building**

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed and exacerbated social and economic weaknesses in communities throughout New Mexico. Underlying inequities, lack of opportunities, and insufficient access to resources are some of the issues highlighted by the pandemic. Specifically, rural communities struggle to address existing challenges and prepare for challenges the future may hold. MRCOG and MRWM have prepared an Economic Recovery and Resilience Plan that explores events and disasters that may cause disruption in the economy and developed goals, strategies, and project priorities to reduce disasters' impacts on communities and create economic resilience. During this session, we will learn what communities, specifically rural communities, struggle with, learn about the key findings of the plan, and learn about resources and opportunities for the future.

#### **APA core competencies include:**

2. Research, Technical and Analytical
  - c. Demographics and Economics
  - d. Impact Assessment and Demand Analysis
5. Plan Implementation and Placemaking
  - b. Environmental Management

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