

# Press Release

## Commissioner Long Elected to NMAC Board

### Lea County Courthouse, Lovington, NM:

Lea County Commissioner Rebecca Long (District 2) has recently been elected to serve as Lea County's representative to the New Mexico Association of Counties (NMAC) Board of Directors. Commissioner Long stated, "I am honored to be elected to represent Lea County on the NMAC Board of Directors." The NMAC Board of Directors is composed of one county elected official from each of the 33 member counties of New Mexico, plus four elected officers and several ex-officio members who are elected every two years.

New Mexico Association of Counties is a non-profit, nonpartisan association representing and serving New Mexico's 33 counties since 1968. NMAC's mission is to work as a united body to represent the interests of all counties by promoting effective and efficient county government. NMAC serves as a legislative advocate for counties on state and federal issues affecting local government.

In addition, Commissioner Long serves on the National Association of Counties (NACO) Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee along with Lea County Manager Michael P. Gallagher II. Commissioner Long shared, "one of the reasons I decided to run for office is to represent our county and protect our way of life. The EPA seems to think that the same rules are good for all areas. Each county has its own unique characteristics and should be allowed to do what is best for that county. I want to represent Lea County and voice our concerns on a national level with NACO."

The Environment, Energy & Land Use Steering Committee reviews the impact on counties of all matters pertaining to air, water, energy, and land use, including water resources/management, storm water, pesticides, air quality standards, climate change, solid, hazardous, and nuclear waste handling, transport, and disposal, national energy policy, renewable/alternative energy, alternative fuel vehicles, energy facility siting, electricity utility restructuring, pipeline safety, oil spills, superfund/brownfields, eminent domain, land use, coastal management, oceans, parks and recreation.

One of the recent documents that the NACO Steering Committee is reviewing for its impact on counties is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) & U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) proposed rule "Waters of the United States" which would expand the range of waters under federal jurisdiction.