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**CORTEZ CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION/SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023
6:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

- A. 6:30 p.m., Josh Dellinger, General Manager for Empire Electric Association, will give an overview of Empire Electric operations.
- B. 6:50 p.m., Jessica Thurman, Economic Development Director for Montezuma County, will give an update on Montezuma County's Rural Resiliency and Recovery Roadmaps Program.
- C. 7:10 p.m., Council General Discussion
- D. For Your Information
 - a. Thank You from Hospice of Montezuma.
 - b. Thank you from Cancer Resource Alliance of Montezuma and Dolores Counties,

ADJOURNMENT of Work Session.



CITY OF CORTEZ
123 ROGER SMITH AVENUE
CORTEZ, CO 81321

03/14/2023

Agenda Item: 1. B.

MEMO TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: LINDA SMITH, CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: 6:50 p.m., Jessica Thurman, Economic Development Director for Montezuma County, will give an update on Montezuma County's Rural Resiliency and Recovery Roadmaps Program.

Attachments

MCC Implementation Presentation



Montezuma Community Collective

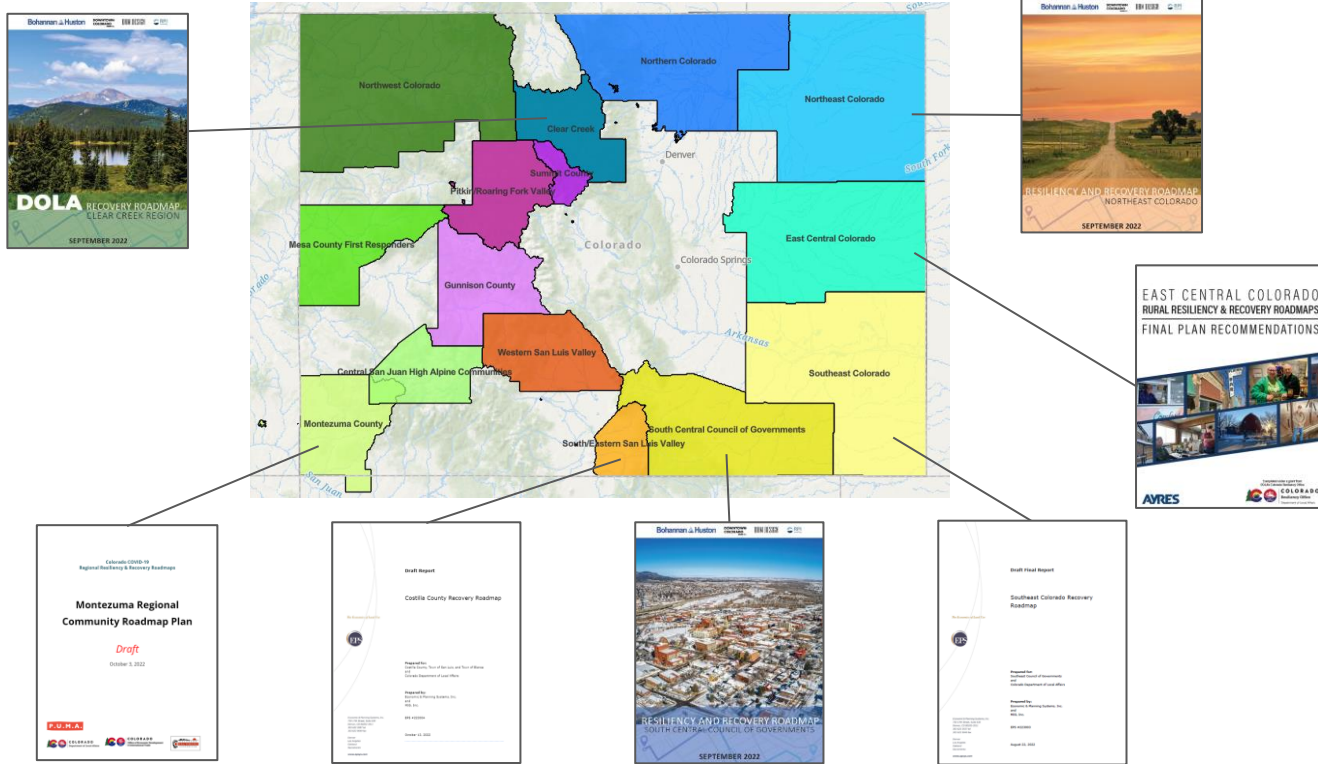
Planning & Implementation





**MONTEZUMA
COMMUNITY COLLECTIVE**

How it began: roadmaps



COLORADO
Department of Local Affairs



COLORADO
Office of Economic Development
& International Trade



Program Overview

Phase 1: Groundwork 2021

- Teams were aligned & set goals for their roadmaps
- Teams determined how to work together
- Teams received data packages to help assess their top issues & opportunities

Phase 2: Planning 2022

- Teams were paired with a consultant having the appropriate experience to help develop a Roadmap that meets the team's needs
- Roadmaps were data-informed, and action-oriented.

Phase 3: Implementation 2022 - 2023

- The State Recovery Team is supporting implementation by helping communities find funding for projects identified in the Roadmaps.

Engagement & Outreach

- **One-on-one** and **group interviews** with experts, key stakeholders, and other entities
- **Background research** – local and regional plans and studies; case studies; and Groundwork materials



Regional Team's Six Goal Areas

1. ***Business Support Systems***
2. ***Attracting and Retaining Industry***
3. ***Education & Workforce Development***
4. ***Water & Agricultural Resources***
5. ***Housing Choice & Affordability***
6. ***Mental & Behavioral Health***



Priorities & Roadmap Strategies

1. Coordinate strategic investments in **water delivery and storage infrastructure**
2. Increase water efficient, **drought-tolerant, and regenerative farming practices**
3. Expand the market potential of locally-grown and processed food products, while **increasing food security and food access for local residents**
4. Expand **Broadband** internet access
5. Support **career pathways, hands-on learning opportunities, and workforce programs** to align with economic development goals
6. Improve **business support** for existing and prospective businesses & entrepreneurs
7. Increase **intra-governmental collaboration** to access housing incentives and explore financing mechanisms
8. Create an adequate supply of [new] workforce and prefabricated **housing**
9. Improve **collaboration among the region's mental and behavioral health providers** to better address workforce and service gaps
10. Improve **youth mental & behavioral health outcomes**

Montezuma Community Collective



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Montezuma Community Collective (MCC) has formed as the vehicle to carry out the implementation of the Colorado COVID-19 Regional Resiliency and Recovery Roadmaps Program.

MCC is a partnership of community members, local leaders, and organizations actively committed to building a healthy and economically viable community.

Montezuma Community Collective Strategies

A graphic illustration of a winding asphalt road with white dashed lines, curving from the bottom left towards the top right. A small red car with blue wheels is driving on the road from left to right. Three blue location pin markers are placed along the road, each containing a white number (01, 02, 03). To the left of the road, there is a stylized blue wavy line representing water. The background is white with a gold-colored border at the bottom.

Strategy 3:

MCC will equip members to sustain community development work.

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Strategy 2:

MCC will prepare community leaders to solve local problems.

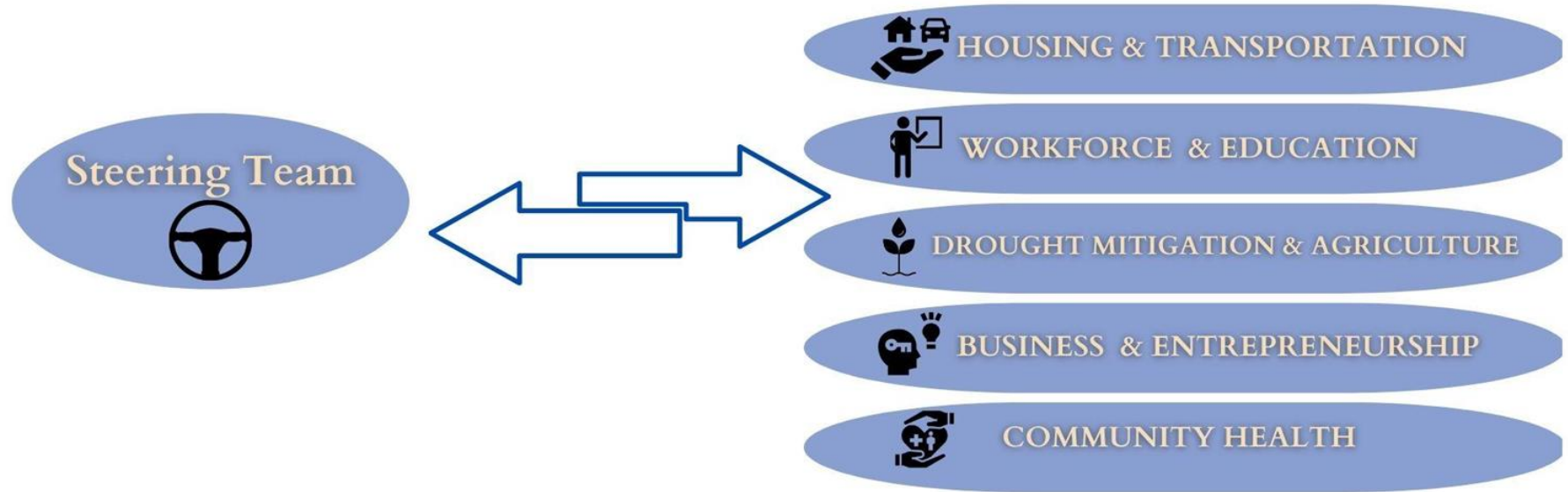
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Strategy 1:

MCC will create an environment for collaboration among partner organizations and community members.

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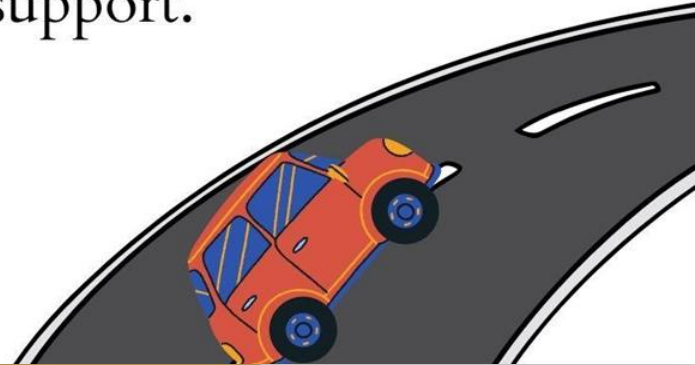
Strategy 2:

Through a working partnership with Montezuma Leadership Network, emerging leaders will be provided a pathway for growth through leadership training, development, and peer networking; further building local capacity to help the community help itself in the long term.



Strategy 3:

MCC will increase the visibility of local efforts and build a more effective and efficient means to make lasting change through the connection to resources, funding, and support.



Key Takeaways

- **Building relationships:** MCC will help repair tarnished relationships, form new working relationships, and foster transparent and open communication.
- **Give voice to community members:** MCC will be the vehicle to ensure community members and professionals have a voice and take active roles in the projects which will increase buy in and support.
- **Take Action without duplicating work:** MCC will partner with existing entities and efforts to collaboratively take action rather than duplicate work.
- **Invest in emerging leaders:** MCC will invest in emerging leaders and youth to create sustainable work and participation in community led activities.
- **Funding:** MCC will help create connections to funding sources for projects.



Questions, comments, thoughts?



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Agenda Item: 1. D. a.

MEMO TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: LINDA SMITH, CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: Thank You from Hospice of Montezuma.

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Thank you from Hospice of Montezuma



February 15, 2023

City Of Cortez
123 Roger smith ave
Cortez CO 81321

Dear Friends of Cortez,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$3000.00 Hospice of Montezuma. It is appreciated very much. As you know, it is the support of our community and friends, like you, that make it possible for us to continue serving everyone in our region who needs hospice care.

One of the last things that families should have to worry about is how to afford the care needed for a loved one. Families are stretched enough financially and emotionally when caring for a loved one on Hospice as they also strive to manage their every day needs. Your generous donation has helped to provide peace of mind for these families.

Hospice of Montezuma, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. This letter serves as your receipt and acknowledges that no goods or services were provided in association with your contribution. Please keep this written acknowledgement of the donation for your tax records as the IRS will no longer accept your cancelled check as proof of any donation of \$250 or more.

Sincerely,

Carol A Baumgartner

Carol A. Baumgartner
Executive Director

*Thank you for your
support with
your grant program.
We so appreciate
you!*

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Cancer Recource Alliance Letter

Cancer Resource Alliance of Montezuma and Dolores Counties

P.O. Box 569
Cortez, CO 81321
cancerresourcealliance@gmail.com

February 17, 2023

Mayor Rachel Medina and
Members of the Cortez City Council
123 Roger Smith Avenue
Cortez, CO 81321

Dear Mayor Medina and Council Members,

The Cancer Resource Alliance of Montezuma and Dolores Counties wishes to thank you for your generous support of our program. With your contribution of \$4,000 we will be able to assist several members of our community who face the challenge of a cancer diagnosis. Our organization would not be able to provide assistance without the support of the City and other grantors, the contributions received from community members and the revenue generated by fundraising events such as our annual Pretty in Pink Fashion Show.

In 2022 we received and funded 69 applications. At the end of January in 2023 we have already funded 12 applicants. As awareness of our program increases, so do our applications and your support is critical to the success of our efforts.

Thank you again for your contribution!

Sincerely yours,



Susan Keck
Vice President