

**Meeting: SEMG Advisory Council agenda Date: April 9, 2024
 Location: Via Zoom**

Time: 1:00 pm

***Sandoval Extension Master Gardeners educate and serve our communities in sustainable high desert gardening.
 Sandoval Extension Master Gardeners envision more sustainable gardens throughout Sandoval County.***

Expected Outcomes:

1. Gather and begin
2. Update from Chair and Extension Agent
3. Update from State Advisory Council
4. Finance Committee
5. Standing Committees updates, issues, action requested Update from State Advisory Council
6. Feedback from guests

	Topic	Topic Leader	Process	Preparation/Completion Date
1 a	Gather and begin	Meg Hunn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome and Introductions 	AC members: Meg Buerkel Hunn, John Thompson, Maureen Casey, Tracy Bogard, Kate Shaddock, Julie Rohr, Beth Murphy Visitors: Gil Mogavero, Colleen Seeley, Joan Ellis, Kristi Vasquez, Mark Guerin, Silvia Martins, Marc Davidson
1 b	Protocol for Zoom meeting	Meg Hunn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Raise hand to be recognized ● Non-Council members will be automatically muted upon entering – questions and comments put into chat 	
2 a	Update from Chair	Meg Hunn		+quarterly reports went out to project leads to report to the county extension and the county commissioners

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				<p>+new NM EMG Volunteer management software coming: "Better Impact" Managed by Gil Mogavero and Carleen Santos. We are a testing area for this software.</p> <p>+Steve Lucero's retirement party will be a drop in party on the evening of April 12.</p> <p>+Team Fun update: Garden Party 5/18 - sign ups nearly full. There are additional events planned, later in the summer.</p> <p>+Intern certificates will be printed and signed by Lynda Garvin. Name badges and certificates will be given out at the intern graduation event in November 2024.</p> <p>+updated guidance of how MGs handle pesticide / herbicide questions and recommendations. Sandy Liakus and Linda Garvin will be working on this with the input of extension MG from other states.</p> <p>+Joan Ellis: Sandoval Extension Master Gardeners FB group has 974 followers!</p> <p>+plant sale fundraiser. Kate is working on what will help make the sale successful. Volunteers will be needed starting at 7:15-7:30. If you want to drop plants off, they will be accepted by Kate Shadock and Penny Lindgren.</p>
2	Extension Agent	vacant		
3	State Advisory Council	Julie Rohr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update from NMSU EMG Advisory Council 	Meeting was canceled this month. There is no information on when the next meeting will be scheduled.

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4	Finance Committee	Beth Murphy	+financial report from last month	Full report will be placed within minutes on the website.
5	Standing Committees:			
5a	Communication	Kate Shaddock Tracy Bogard		Tracy migrated the website and email server to the new web host site. Thank you! SEMG Projects area on website explained by Tracy along with a request for project chairs to give additional information on the project they are leading. The Projects page gives you the project description, location, times when volunteers work, and contact information for each project. Tracy requests input from project chairs and comments.
5b	Membership	Mo Casey		Mo has submitted data fields that we would like to have included in Better Impact so we could work with one field of information.
5c	Outreach	Sandy Liakus Penny Lindgren	+New Project: Santa Ana Garden Teaching Garden proposed by Sylvia B. Martins. Outreach Committee requests Approval by Advisory Council. +Out of county hours must be submitted to Outreach if used as a volunteer requirement. +Pesticide/Herbicide advice given from helpline and MG	Silvia Martins gave a report on the Santa Ana Garden Teaching Garden project. PDF of the proposal is included in the minutes. Budget will be minimal and that was also included in the presentation. Project approved by Advisory Council! Hours for the volunteer hour requirements that are out of county must be approved by the Outreach committee.

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			<p>discussed. Lynda Garvin asked for input on a statewide policy. Sandy Liakus and Penny will work on the policy with input from Lynda Garvin and John Garlish.</p> <p>+Placitas Elementary Garden project has had its first meeting. 20 students attended. Volunteers for the project are needed.</p> <p>+Arbor Day event at Bernalillo April 26</p>	<p>Sandy Liakus will be working with Lynda Garvin to write policy for pesticide advice to the public from Master Gardeners.</p> <p>Sandy and Dawn are looking for volunteers to run the Placitas Elementary Garden Project for next fall. There is good support from Placitas Elementary.</p> <p>Arbor Day event, April 26 will be staffed by MG and experts from Tree Stewards.</p>
5 d	Education	John Thompson Michelle Wittie	<p>+2024 Intern Course</p> <p>+Field Trips (open to interns and veterans - on website)</p> <p>+Advanced Classes</p> <p>+Gardening with Masters</p>	<p>There are 39 interns, 21 mentors and 5 teams that are completing the class for 2024. Mentors should fill out the survey along with interns. Badges for interns are available and have been passed out to some of the interns. Field trips have been well attended.</p> <p>A new field trip to the SCAFCA headquarters in Rio Rancho will be scheduled this year.</p> <p>Gardening with the Masters has been successful and is scheduled for May with Mike Halverson on starting native plants.</p> <p>April gardening with the masters is a round table that will answer questions from the public on gardening. Helpline experts are encouraged to attend and help provide answers. Rainwater harvesting class will be done sometime later this year or next.</p>

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				There needs to be an educational class for turning lawns to meadows. We are searching for instructors.
6	Feedback from guests		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Council members to provide feedback and suggestions to the Council 	Turf class discussion.

Attach: financials, Santa Ana Project Info,