



## **New Mexico Building Decarbonization Roadmap Kickoff Meeting Summary May 6, 2024 at Nuevo Atrisco**

Over 50 stakeholders representing 34 different organizations attended the May 6, 2024 in-person kickoff meeting at Nuevo Atrisco in Albuquerque.

### **Meeting Materials**

- [Meeting agenda](#)
- [Attendee list](#)
- [Gridworks' presentation](#)
- [New Mexico State Energy Office presentation](#)
- [NRDC presentation](#)
- [Initiative webpage](#)

### **Meeting Purpose and Outcomes**

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the project to participants; discuss the vision statement; learn about state policies and programs for building decarbonization; define the scope of the project; hear about the experience of living in a high electrification, affordable building; and foster connections among participants.

### **Keynote Speaker**

U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich provided the keynote address. Senator Heinrich offered a crawl, walk, run strategy by which this initiative might work to identify on-ramps for consumers for home electrification. He emphasized the need to give customers control over their home health and energy bills, providing education, training, point of sale rebates, and other incentives to decarbonize their homes. Senator Heinrich also shared his own personal experience with electrifying his home.

### **Project Vision**

The project team offered the following vision statement for participant input:

*An effort to develop a building decarbonization roadmap that will bring about healthy, efficient, affordable residential and small commercial buildings for all New Mexicans*

Participants identified their priorities for this effort and compared them to the vision statement. Themes for participant priorities included: affordability, customer education and the need to better coordinate incentives and rebates, workforce development, resilience, uniformly valuing emission reduction benefits, community-driven, cost-effectiveness, consumer protections, need for urgency, rural considerations, need to generate customer demand, comfort, learning best practices/programs happening elsewhere, and building up existing workforce development programs.



Addressing affordability for ALL New Mexicans (across income levels and geographies, rural and urban communities, and Tribal communities) was cited most frequently by stakeholders as a priority.

The project team agreed to review the vision statement with these priorities in mind and bring back a revised vision for participant consideration at meeting #2.

### **State Policies and Programs**

The New Mexico State Energy office presented a program overview, highlighting the state's emissions profile, building codes, grant programs, tax incentives, and strategies. When questioned, the state director offered that she would like to see emissions from the building sector halved in the coming years.

### **Project Scope**

NRDC provided an overview of building decarbonization, discussing the benefits, risks, and project scope. The project team proposed the following for project scope and invited participants to comment.

#### In Scope

- Electrifying gas appliances
- Improving energy efficiency and weatherization
- Residential: single and multi-family
- Small commercial
- Tribal

#### Out of Scope

- Embodied carbon from building materials
- Oil & gas, industrial, large commercial
- Gas planning and decommissioning
- DER deployment

Participants discussed distributed energy resources (DER) deployment and its synergies with electrification. A revision was proposed to add DER deployment to project scope where complementary with building decarbonization.

### **Nuevo Atrisco Tours**

YES Housing staff provided an overview of the Nuevo Atrisco campus and sustainable living elements. Participants then toured apartments and learned more from residents about their experience of living in a green building.

### **Opportunities and Challenges**

Following the tours, participants discussed their observations and identified opportunities and challenges for building decarbonization in the state. Gridworks will bring this discussion back to the group at meeting #2 for elaboration.

### **Recommendations for Other Participants**

Participants recommended adding other groups to the initiative: NM Gas, architects and builders, labor, and Tribal representatives. Gridworks has reached out to NM Gas several times and welcomes additional outreach from participants. Gridworks will follow up with specific participants for introductions to architects, builders, labor, and Tribal contacts.



### Participant Survey

Gridworks thanked all for their engagement and insights and asked participants to complete a survey to guide future meetings. If not completed, participants are encouraged to fill out the survey [here](#) or with the QR code.



### Action Items

- Review revised vision statement at meeting #2
- Review project scope at meeting #2
- Reach out to architects/builders, labor, and Tribal contacts
- Elaborate on opportunities and challenges

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, June 12, 1-4pm MT virtual