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New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority Announces New Executive Director



The New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority is pleased to announce that Fernando Martinez Jr. will be its next Executive Director, beginning September 1, 2019.

Mr. Martinez comes to NM RETA with more than 23 years of technical and managerial experience in the natural resources field. He is a native of northern New Mexico and a graduate of the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. His educational background is in biology and environmental science and management. Mr. Martinez currently serves as the Director of the Mining and Minerals Division of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department. He previously served as the Director of its Energy Conservation and Management Division.

"As RETA sought out a new Executive Director, we were fortunate to have a group of very qualified candidates," said Robert Busch, RETA Board Chair. "However, Fernando stood out as having that rare combination of technical, managerial, and political savvy critical in this demanding position. Fernando's leadership will be invaluable as RETA begins a new decade of helping to utilize New Mexico's amazing renewable energy resources."

NM RETA is an agency created in 2007 by the New Mexico legislature and governed by a seven-member volunteer board of directors, holding regular public meetings and hearings. Its mission is to develop transmission and storage capacity for New Mexico's valuable renewable resources.
