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Watts Happening-Kit Carson Electric Cooperative Update

Board Member Francis A. Cordova Retires

Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. (KCEC) board of trustee's member Francis A. Cordova has submitted his resignation to board chair Bobby Ortega effective December 31, 2012. Mr. Cordova was elected to the board in May 2005 and reelected in 2009. He has worked diligently with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission and the state legislature to ensure members receive affordable electric service. He has also been active on the member's behalf with the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Mr. Cordova is a native of Taos and has remained active in various causes throughout his life. He received many promotions and commendations during his tour of duty with the Army National Guard from 1967 to 2004. The drill hall at the Taos National Guard Armory is named in his honor. He has been especially active with Taos Feeds Taos for the past 25 years.

He will continue to enjoy time with his wife, Ernestina, his four children and grandchildren, as well as continuing his volunteer work.

A call for applications from District One, from which Mr. Cordova served the KCEC membership, has been published to fill the remainder of his term. Deadline for applications and resumes is December 13, 2012. Mr. Cordova's term on the board was due to end as of the June 2013 KCEC Annual Meeting. Further information can be obtained by calling Carmella Suazo at (575) 758-2258 ext. 132 or e-mailing csuazo@kitcarson.com.

Mini-Farms for Local Schools

Tierra Lucero's mini-farms for schools bring year round food production to 1,200 school children in New Mexico. In 2013, six schools will receive on-campus mini-farms with sliding greenhouses. An exciting national on-line fundraiser called Kickstarter provides the opportunity for

you to participate in this project now through Dec. 31st, 2012.

With the Taos School District and AIRE as collaborative partners this exciting new project started in Taos in 2012 at Tierra Lucero's Thanksgiving Farms and Taos School District's Parr Field. In 2013 four Taos area schools, Enos Garcia Elementary, Taos High, Taos Charter, and Taos Academy, and two schools in ABQ will receive a fully installed mini-farm. These farms include a mini-sliding greenhouse, soil preparation with compost, seeds, plants, irrigation system, an instruction manual, and more. The school kids work at the on-campus food garden and see the results of their growing, tending and harvesting in their schools' cafeteria. Tierra Lucero's staff will work with students, teachers, and meal preparers to insure success year-after-year.

Tierra Lucero is a social benefit organization that was founded in Taos in 2001. Its mission is to enhance community-based food and energy sovereignty through hands-on education and development of community-based infrastructure. Tierra Lucero has created this fundraiser project in our area as a pilot project for providing more mini-farms for schools throughout the southwest region and beyond.

With small contributions from many individuals like you, Tierra Lucero will be able to reach the funding goal before the Dec. 31st, 2012 deadline. Please visit <http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/2023463435/going-beyond-organic-with-backyard-and-schoolyard?pref=live> or Google "Kickstarter Taos" for more information about how to pledge. Send the link to your friends and family and you will be part of making this project a reality for over 1,200 school children.

"It is a rare opportunity to see a relatively small amount of money improve nutrition for so many children and put tangible physical long-term infrastructure in place at schools." ~ Luis Reyes