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## **Kit Carson Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees Appoints Matilda Duran Gonzalez to Represent District 4**

**Penasco, NM — February 18, 2026** — The Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC) Board of Trustees has appointed Matilda Duran Gonzalez to serve as the new Trustee for District 4, filling the unexpired term of her younger brother, Cristobal “Chris” Duran, who passed away unexpectedly.

Trustee Duran’s passing was a tremendous loss to his family, his community, and the members of District 4 whom he proudly served. Chris was deeply committed to representing the interests of his district and advocating for the cooperative principles that guide KCEC.

District 4 includes the communities of Trampas, Peñasco, Chamisal, Vadito, Rodarte, Llano, Ojo Sarco, Tres Ritos, El Valle, Llano San Juan, Rio Lucio, Sipapu, Llano de La Llegua, and surrounding areas.

After thoughtful consideration, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Duran Gonzalez to complete the remainder of the term, which will conclude at this year’s Annual Meeting.

Matilda Duran Gonzalez is a lifelong resident of the Peñasco Valley and a proud native of Llano de San Juan. With more than 40 years of business and financial experience, she has built a reputation for integrity, professionalism, and dedication to the people she serves. During her tenure as Branch Manager of the Peñasco branch of Centinel Bank of Taos, she worked closely with families, small businesses, ranchers, and community organizations, helping them navigate financial decisions, support local growth, and strengthen the regional economy in District 4.

Ms. Duran Gonzalez has expressed her commitment to honoring her brother’s legacy by continuing the important work he began. With deep roots in the communities she will serve, she is dedicated to maintaining the values, traditions, and close-knit relationships that define District 4 while ensuring members’ voices remain heard at the cooperative level.

The KCEC Board of Trustees is confident that Ms. Duran Gonzalez will provide steady leadership and thoughtful representation as she carries forward the work of her brother and serves the members of District 4 through the remainder of the current term.

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### **About Kit Carson Electric Cooperative**

Formed in 1944, Kit Carson is a member owned electric distribution cooperative in northern New Mexico and is the second largest cooperative in the state. Kit Carson is one of 16 electric cooperatives that serve rural New Mexico communities, serving nearly 30,000 members in Taos, Colfax and Rio Arriba counties. To learn more about Kit Carson, visit [www.kitcarson.com](http://www.kitcarson.com).