



**8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT:  
"SEEDS OF INNOVATION"  
GRAND RIVER HOSPITAL CONFERENCE CENTER  
501 AIRPORT ROAD, RIFLE, CO 81650  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023  
9:00 am – 4:45 pm**

**9:00 – 9:05** Welcome – AGNC Chairman Cody Davis

**9:05 – 10:05** Housing Innovations

- Gail Schwartz, Roaring Fork Valley Habitat for Humanity
- Mercedes Maestas, U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development

**10:05 – 10:50** Colorado River Valley EDP – Innovating Rural Economic Development

- Evan Zislis, Aspen Institute

**10:50 – 11:00** 10 Minute BREAK

**11:00 – 11:45** Advancements in Aviation Panel – Ray Beck, Moderator

- Dave Ulane, Colorado Division of Aeronautics
- Angela Padalecki, Grand Junction Regional Airport
- Brian Condie, Garfield County Rifle Airport

**11:45 – 12:15** LUNCH – Buffet Served

**12:15 – 1:15** Keynote Panel – Economic Development Legislative Updates

- Richard Orf, Orf & Orf PC
- Senator Dylan Roberts

**1:15 – 2:00** Introducing CSU Regional Economic Development Institute

- Dawn Thilmany McFadden, Co-Director and Professor of Ag and Resource Economics
- Jeff Engell, Regional Specialist – Vibrant Communities

**2:00 – 2:15** 15 Minute BREAK

**2:15 – 3:00** Northwest Colorado Energy Initiative

- Matt Solomon
- Senator Dylan Roberts

**3:00 – 4:30** Northwest Colorado Economic Updates

- Dr. Nathan Perry, Colorado Mesa University

**4:30 - 4:45** Closing Remarks

- Tiffany Dickenson, AGNC Executive Director



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