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Gov. Lujan Grisham applauds new electric vehicle facility at Nambé Pueblo

PUEBLO OF NAMBE – Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham on Thursday applauded a first-of-its-kind partnership between the electric vehicle manufacturer Tesla and a sovereign pueblo, as the California-based clean energy company plans to repurpose a defunct casino at Nambé into its first sales, service and delivery center in New Mexico.

The Lujan Grisham administration's ongoing efforts to decarbonize its transportation infrastructure and expand the accessibility of electric vehicles include:

- Joining New Mexico to the regional and bipartisan <u>REV West initiative</u>, in which eight Western governors collaborate to develop procedures to enhance the adoption of electric vehicles, coordinate on the locations of charging stations and create voluntary minimum standards, all aimed at the creation of an Intermountain West Electric Vehicle Corridor; and
- Committing millions in state funding secured through <u>the Volkwagen Settlement</u> to dozens of projects throughout New Mexico that involve electric vehicles, resulting in emissions reductions and improved electric vehicle infrastructure; and
- Purchasing the first electric vehicles for the state's Motor Pool and <u>installing 30 publicly</u> <u>accessible electric vehicle charging stations</u> at state government campuses across Santa Fe; and
- Launching a <u>rulemaking process for clean car standards</u> that will, by 2022, <u>result in the</u> <u>state's</u> adoption of stricter emissions rules for new vehicles that will align with the <u>Biden</u> <u>Administration's commitment</u> to curb transportation-sector pollution and move the United States toward zero-emission vehicles as a means of combating the lifethreatening effects of climate change.

"Automakers the world over acknowledge that low-emission and zero-emission vehicles are the future – New Mexico is on board, and has been on board, and the rest of the country is going to get on board, too," said **Gov. Lujan Grisham**. "I welcome any and all good ideas from Tesla and the Pueblo of Nambé about how we can do even more."