

# Rural Resilience

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MIXER

FEBRUARY 8, 2024 / CLUB HOTEL, IDAHO SPRINGS

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### AGENDA

- 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm    **Networking** (Appetizers by Square Peg Catering)
- 6:00 pm - 6:15 pm    **Welcome**  
Lindsey Valdez, President & CEO, Clear Creek EDC  
Kelly Flenniken, Board Chair, Clear Creek EDC  
Jonah and Lana Hearne, Owners, Club Hotel
- 6:15 pm - 6:35 pm    **Demographic Trends in Clear Creek and Gilpin Counties**  
Greg Totten, Economist, State of Colorado Demography Office
- 6:35 pm - 6:55 pm    **State of the Economy in Clear Creek and Gilpin Counties**  
Nathan Perry, Professor of Economics, Colorado Mesa University
- 6:55 pm - 7:15 pm    **Resilience and Diversification in Gilpin County**  
Ray Rears, County Manager, Gilpin County  
Ryan Englund, President, Better City
- 7:15 pm - 7:35 pm    **Resilience and Diversification in Clear Creek County**  
Brian Bosshardt, County Manager, Clear Creek County  
Willie Wilkins, Mountain Regional Specialist Expanded Rural  
Engagement - Vibrant Communities, Colorado State University
- 7:35 pm - 8:00 pm    **Q&A and Networking**

**Send a Valentine:** *Send the CCEDC, Clear Creek, and Gilpin leaders a Valentine! Based on what you've heard tonight, what would you like to see accomplished? What idea makes your heart soar? Do you see a perfect match? Your recommendations will be presented to elected leadership tomorrow morning!*

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