

The Members Own Federal Credit Union
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The Board of Directors of The Members Own Federal Credit Union has announced their decision to seek a merger partner. This decision comes as a result of the losses suffered in the construction loan program and an increase in delinquencies and bankruptcies. With assets of just under 100 million dollars, the losses cannot be readily assumed while maintaining a healthy amount of capital.

The goal is to find a larger credit union with which to merge so that our members can continue to have the service they are accustomed to, while allowing for a possible improvement in the interest they earn on savings and the rates they are charged for loans, along with long term financial security.

These losses have hit our high desert area very hard, as they have other areas of the country. We were growing at such a rapid rate and then when home values fell so quickly, the builders of these properties were no longer able to acquire affordable permanent financing or find buyers who could do so. Additionally, the loss of jobs by some of our membership has had an impact on their ability to repay other types of loans.

During this period when we are looking for a suitable merger partner, we are here to continue to provide service to our members in the same manner as we have done for the past 55 years. Members are fully insured for their deposits up to \$250,000 by the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund, backed by the federal government.

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