



# REGIONAL COALITION of LANL COMMUNITIES

City of Española – Pueblo of Jemez – Los Alamos County – Ohkay Owingeh  
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## REGIONAL COALITION MEETING MINUTES

Española City Council Chambers

April 8, 2015 | 9:00a—11:00a

**A. Call to Order – Chair Barney Trujillo | 9:15a**

**B. Confirmation of Quorum – Chair Barney Trujillo – Approved**

- a. **Attendees:** Commissioner Barney Trujillo, Mayor Javier Gonzales, Councilor Kristin Henderson, Commissioner Henry Roybal, Ward Yeppa; Excused: Councilor Darien Fernandez, Mayor Alice Lucero, Gov. Earl Salazar, Commissioner Mark Gallegos.

**C. Approval of Agenda – Chair Barney Trujillo**

- a. NM Congressional Delegation Briefing moved to 'Updates' section. **Approved:** Mayor Alice Lucero, City of Espanola; Second: Commissioner Henry Roybal, Santa Fe County

**D. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Chair Barney Trujillo | -9:17a**

- a. Approved – Mayor Alice Lucero, City of Espanola; Second: Commissioner Henry Roybal, Santa Fe County
- b. Update by Andrea Romero
- I. Rearranging current agenda
  - II. Reframing LANL workforce issues as a board & preparing Washington, DC trip

**E. Discussion of the tiers consisted in the coalition**

a. Environmental Stewardship

Recent press conference with governor Martinez helped shed light on what efforts are going to be implemented in New Mexico in the near future. It is estimated that around \$32 billion will be used to improve water infrastructure. There will also be an effort to improve transportation routes for accessibility. The final goal according to the governor is to invest within the communities in Northern NM.

- I. Consent order of draft release March 30 2016
- II. Public and board comment due before May 16, 2016
- III. Wildfire Safety Briefing: Currently wildfire season. (Discussion of wildfire handouts located in binder)
- IV. Board meeting with Nuclear Defense Safety Board consisted of discussing mitigation for wildfire and storage. Also, how it is being dealt with in regards to safety and protocol.

b. Community and Economic Development

There has been a workforce shift at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Around 30%-40% will be leaving the labs in the next 5 years.

- I. How can LANL recruit and retain talent
- II. Establishing community preparation for new employees (Regional housing opportunities, lifestyle, and entertainment)
- III. How can we create an initiative in regards to workforce?

Introduction: City of Española's alternative board member, Patrick Nickelson - Planning and Land Use Director

c. Operations & Logistics

- Board meeting scheduled for May has been cancelled due to trip to Washington, DC
- Individuals interested in attending need to notify organization to help set aside budget
- Legislative priorities to be discussed in Washington
- Improvement of website
- Notification of job posting for Communications and Administrative Manager



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## F. Presentation by Secretary Flynn on Consent Order Process for Environmental Stewardship at LANL

Sect Flynn provided an informative layout on the LANL cleanup agenda pertaining to the Legacy Act, updating the 2005 order is a consent agreement. The consent agreement is between the NM Environmental Department and DOE. This agreement governs how waste in and around LANL will be remediated. All settlement agreements need to be finalized with the DOE. The process of the original waste reduction settlement mandated cleanup by the end of 2015, though the deadlines were missed due to the breach of a LANL TRU-waste barrel at WIPP. The updated consent order of 2016 can and always will be reworked, and is designed for flexibility, because there is always room for improvement.

### a. Issue: Organization did not leverage funding at facility\*\*

Year 2006	Presidential Budget Request: \$142 Million
Year 2007	Presidential Budget Request: \$91 Million
Year 2008	Presidential Budget Request: \$141 Million
Year 2009	Presidential Budget Request: \$164 Million
Year 2012	Presidential Budget Request: \$361 Million
Year 2013	Presidential Budget Request: \$239 Million
Year 2014	Presidential Budget Request: \$231 Million
Year 2015	Presidential Budget Request: \$224 Million

\*\*Estimated amount for environmental cleanup is \$255M, annually

Annual Planning Process—Both parties of the Environmental Department and Department of Energy congregate each year and set a work-plan with enforceable milestones and deadlines. This articulates what needs to be accomplished that year, and the year following. Issue: We have spent more time investigating but no cleanup efforts have been enforced. New consent order process will hopefully resolve this issue.

## G. Overview of Draft-Katie

Campaign Approach—This consists of one or more projects listed in Appendix C. There is discussion of draft opposition for DOE to accelerate work in sections 19-20. Accelerated and at risk work may not always be approved by enemy D. However, the coalition and community members make the final decision on whether DOE and contractors have achieved their objectives. The new robust process stated in sections 22 and 23 are designated for agency managers

- Process allows resolution of consent
- Discussion with technical staff
- Facilitates a focus of the documents

Annual Planning Process (Located in Section 8C)—The process in which NMED and Department of Energy would update the milestones and target goes for the fiscal year. Appendix B will be updated annually. This aids in identifying any conditions that may have changed.

### a. Data Quality Objectives—Defining the nature of the contamination. DOE will not specify how it will be achieved in the work-plan. It is mandatory that a description is included in the follow-up reports.

Appendix F outlines the sampling and analytical methodologies.

#### i. What is not changed in the document

- 2005 document work initiatives are retained in the updated version
- Public participation for remedy selections is located on page 46
- Clean up levels and objectives



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## H. Importance of Process: Discussed by Secretary Flynn

- a. Permit in LANL was renewed in 2010. Over \$100,000 has been spent for renewal of the permit.
- b. Recently, a discharge permit was issued for groundwater cleanup of chromium present in the area. Water is being pumped and treated.
- c. Necessary to move away from fighting about the process itself. There should be a focus of what NM as a state does as a weapons complex.

## I. Presentation by David Rose (Director at the Office of Quality Regulatory & Compliance for EM of LA) Currently building a draft of what additional work can be accomplished with increased funding. The lifecycle baseline is misrepresented currently. Alongside with the draft, appropriators receive a 5-year plan. This cannot be accessed by the public. Any extra funding that may filter in can go in ordinance with labor. There is an expectation that individuals would subcontract with other companies and task force for additional work. Most of the labor force is from NM, but an increase in tasks may cause work force to come from external sources outside of NM.

## J. Meetings at a glance (8 minutes)

- a. Board to attend ECA in May
- b. ECA Meeting on May 12-13, 2016
- c. Rio Arriba Board Meeting June 10, 2016

## K. Public Comment (21 Minutes)

- a. Jim Nesbit: Concerns about Navy submarine and USS in Los Alamos that affects all of the surrounding communities. Secretary of the Navy should consider request and contributions by LANL.
- b. Scott Kovak (Nuclear Watch NM): Requesting to extend the comment period of draft. Discussed how the annual planning process is based on congressional funding. Wanting to know how the revised consent is going to be improved. Believes that the document is a cycle of re-negotiations.
- c. Joanie Arendts: Reiterated how the document is a continuous cycle that is lacking information. Is concerned why local communities do not have all of the viable information. Is questioning why third of the cleanup funds go directly to pensions.

## L. Meeting Adjournment- 10:29am