



# REGIONAL COALITION of LANL COMMUNITIES

City of Española – Pueblo of Jemez – Los Alamos County – Ohkay Owingeh  
Rio Arriba County – Santa Fe County – City of Santa Fe – Taos County – Town of Taos

## REGIONAL COALITION MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2017 | 9:00a—11:00a

City of Santa Fe Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Ave, 1- floor, Santa Fe, NM 87501

### A. Call to Order – Chair Barney Trujillo | 9:14a-

- a. 19 total audience members

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

**Attendees:** Commissioner Barney Trujillo, Mayor Javier Gonzales, Commissioner Henry Roybal, Mayor Alice Lucero, Commissioner Mark Gallegos, Councilor Darien Fernández, Representative Ron Lovato, **Proxy:** Brian Bosshardt (Commissioner Rick Reiss); **Excused:** Lt. Governor Ward Yeppa

### C. Approval of Agenda – Chair Barney Trujillo | 9:15a-

- a. **Approved** - Motioned by: Mayor Gonzales, City of Santa Fe; Second: Mayor Lucero, City of Española

### D. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Chair Barney Trujillo

- a. **Approved** - Motioned by: Mayor Lucero, City of Española; Second: Mayor Gonzales, City of Santa Fe

### E. Discussion/Action Items (1hr 25 min) | 9:16a–

#### a. Action: Election of Secretary / Treasurer

- a. Motioned by: Mayor Gonzales, City of Santa Fe; Second: Representative Lovato, Ohkay Owingeh; Motion for nominations to seize: Mayor Lucero, City of Española

#### b. Action: Honoring former RCLC Secretary/Treasurer, Councilor Kristin Henderson, Los Alamos County

#### c. Executive Director Update | 9:27a-

- a. With 7 days away from President-elect Donald Trump taking office, the Coalition is working diligently to understand the nuance of how this might effect LANL and our region. The Board will travel to meeting with the New Administration in Washington DC in February.
- b. Sandia M&O Contract Awarded - There is concern, particularly from Congressional Delegation, of how it might affect other colleges around the region. The Coalition is looking into how we can support initiatives that could effect regional collaboration. The NM Congressional Delegation is interested in continuing the conversation with RCLC.
- c. Regional Attraction Guide – We have reached a sufficient amount of funding to have a prototype ready in the next month or two.
- d. NM Legislative Session on GRT Pursuits – We are working on 2 draft bills. This bill identifies LANL and Sandia Labs as a potential continuation of GRT, which would have a long-term impact on Northern New Mexico. There is potential for the bill to be written jointly with Hospitals who need to be taxed to receive Medicaid benefit from Federal Government. We are working with Representative Garcia Richard on language and the right timing to release bill.
- e. Draft Legislative Priorities to be approved at next Board meeting in preparation for meetings in Washington DC.

#### d. Presentation and Discussion on the Regional Development Corporation, Carla Rachinowski | 9:42a-

- a. The RDC was set up to broaden economy around DOE sites. RDC works closely with LANL and Community Programs Office. Assists NNM communities and small businesses with economic development and actively work to create jobs within region.
- b. RDC manages economic development programs for LANS. Between 2006 and 2015, \$9 million invested by LANS.
- c. Regional Economic Development Initiative (REDI)
  - i. 25-Year Strategic Plan
    - I. Requires RDC to hold annual conferences to track RDC’s progress and fulfillment of strategic goals.
    - II. Plan includes targeted economic clusters that assess what business sectors RDC anticipates are most likely to grow in NNM. RDC focuses on one or more of these areas in the conference each year, including agriculture, workforce and alternative energy.
  - ii. Summit partnerships are formed that relate to and support the rotating conference target cluster. For instance, 2016 focused on workforce and summit partners included LANL, NM Department of Workforce Solutions, SER Jobs for Progress, and others. See slides for more details.
- d. Business Retention & Expansion (BR&E)
  - i. SW PPE in Española used to be a dry-cleaning company that expanded to refurbish firefighting equipment. This company has been very successful and illustrates how a company can grow through participating in a variety of RDC programs.

- e. Venture Acceleration Fund (VAF) Impact Magnification Project
  - i. Grant pulls together business resources around NNM to support startups.
- f. Workforce Program
  - i. Program is currently being reconfigured
- g. VAF application will open on February 21 with applications due on March 31.
- h. Q&A:
  - i. Mayor Gonzales – \$261M economic impact is substantial, however, Northern New Mexico’s economy is still lagging with impeding factors such as opioid addiction and family structure. Has the RDC considered investing or collaborating with programs / communities outside of economic development but in strategic areas that can lead to more people able to participate in workforce, such as potential treatment support or afterschool programs?
    - I. RDC’s work with higher education institutions has brought to light the barriers for pursuing higher education. RDC is good at collaboration and will make an effort to explore potential collaboration in common outcomes between NNM programs and communities.
  - ii. Commissioner Gallegos & Councilor Fernández look forward to further collaboration between RDC and their communities, councils, etc.

**e. Updates on Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP), Pete Maggiore | 10:05a-**

- a. All projects are result of Settlement Agreement signed with NMED in 2015 due to WIPP radiological breach. Settlement Agreement can be found online.
- b. NMED’s former staffer Katie Roberts has been lead on all of SEPs.
- c. Road Improvement Project
  - i. ‘Mill & Fill’ asphalt on East Jemez Road near State Road 4
  - ii. Design and engineering work on intersection of State Road 4 and East Jemez Road
  - iii. Working closely with Los Alamos County, NMDOT and contractor US Army Corp of Engineers
    - I. Los Alamos County will host public meeting with Transportation Committee in Spring 2017
- d. Triennial Review Project
  - i. Contractor has not yet been selected
  - ii. NMED made it clear that this process remain transparent and public is made aware of external review
  - iii. NNSA funds these projects, however, the scope will include not just NNSA component but full range for scope of work including EM component.
    - I. Triennial term suggests the review will be done every three years
- e. Watershed Enhancement Project
  - i. Works collaboratively with San Ildefonso Pueblo, Los Alamos County and NMED
  - ii. Public meeting can be arranged if that is of interest to the Coalition
- f. Surface Water Sampling and Monitoring Project
  - i. Accomplishments include not only sampling, monitoring, analyzing but also improving Intellus database to make it more accessible to public
  - ii. Tech transfer collaboration with four Accord Pueblos to utilize improved surface water sampling technology / equipment and provide necessary training. Initial data would need to be public but equipment and expertise acquired by Pueblos can be used however they wish.
- g. Potable Water Line Replacement Project
  - i. Currently in the engineering phase to decide what replacement technologies are most appropriate.
  - ii. Most of work will occur in TA-3, the oldest area of the Lab.
- h. Q&A:
  - i. Andrea Romero – The Coalition would like to continue to receive updates as SEP hits milestones.

**f. Review of FY16 and Future FY17 & FY18 Cleanup Activities, Doug Hintze, DOE Environmental Management, Los Alamos**

- a. Presented copies of Lifecycle Baseline Cost Estimate to Coalition Board of Directors and Staff. EM considers it is a living document and strategic plan. The plan is to update the document each year. EM office of management and budget see it as a budget formulation document and is thus considered sensitive material.
- b. Treatment of remediated nitrate salts
  - i. Between 2017 and 2022, WIPP shipments and operations will be limited due to installations of exhaust shaft and supplemental ventilation.
  - ii. Preparing for treatment and increasing margin of safety.
- c. Chromium Interim Measures and Characterization Campaign
  - i. One plume sits on top of aquifer about 1-mile wide x 1-mile long x 50 feet below ground surface.

- ii. Interim measures pump out contaminated water, run it through an ion exchange and inject clean water back into aquifer.
- d. RDX Characterization Campaign
  - i. In beginning phases of this project
  - ii. Through NMED public process, EM will receive input on final remedies.
- e. Historical Properties Completion Campaign
  - i. Seeking additional funding to demolish last building and cleanup piping, etc.
- f. Budget for FY18 has not yet been submitted, however, it should be approved by April. All activities are multi-year.
- g. Q&A:
  - i. Mayor Gonzales – Has there been an environmental / cost analysis on the impacts to our communities if legacy cleanup is not finished until FY35? Will projected costs continue to grow over the years? How is the EM budget handled at DOE now that it has been separated in terms of legacy waste? How does EM submit budget plans and how can RCLC collaborate? With \$185M and last 10-year environmental cleanup budgets, would we be able to determine the percentage of funds allotted to legacy vs. new incoming waste?
    - I. Hintze - Analysis has not been done to determine impacts of projected timeframe, however, performance assessments have been done to understand exact contribution of environmental events such as rainfall. Some cleanup items are sequence based and some have been accelerated, but as EM retrieves waste, timing is considered in WIPP shipment schedules to avoid hazards, such as forest fires. EM estimated costs will escalate about 3% per year. Funding comes from EM and is distributed and separated according to sites. EM holds budget workshops 3-4 times per year to adjust budget targets. Community involvement happens through the NM Congressional Delegation. EM keeps a chart that illustrates the exact funding allotment for legacy waste cleanup. Net new waste is NNSA's responsibility and thus not measured by EM-LA.
  - ii. Bosshardt – Is there a way the Regional Coalition Board can leverage and prioritize EM's campaigns?
    - I. Hintze – Along with public meetings and Consent Order, the Lifecycle Baseline document is important to achieving this objective. When new M&O contractor takes office, the required 3-year rolling baseline will also help. When this baseline is released, EM will make sure it is presented in a way that public can easily understand.
  - iii. Commissioner Gallegos – How does chromium-6 constituents interact with soils and other environmental components?
    - I. Hintze – There was initially about 160,000 pounds of chromium-6 found discharged into the canyons. Now, there is a couple 1,000 pounds left through converting chromium-6 into chromium-4. When chromium is extracted, harmful constituents are extracted. EM is very careful with conversion due to potential human hazards. Other interim measures also are being explored. Chromium-6 is very mobile and chromium-3, which has no health hazards, attaches to rocks.
- h. Andrea Romero recognized Katie Roberts for her work with NMED.

**F. Budget Update, Brian Bosshardt | 11:02a-**

**G. Public Comment | 11:03a-**

- a. Scott Kovak, Nuclear Watch NM – On the RCLC Draft Legislative Priorities \$255M increase was not listed in current priorities and requested to ensure this number is included.
- b. Emil Mottola, LANL scientist & member of UPTE – Distributed a draft of proposed framework to take place at LANL when new M&O contractor takes office. Asked the RCLC to consider this proposed document and find common ground.
- c. Menice Santistevan, NNM CAB – Invited Coalition Board members to next CAB meeting on January 25 from 1-5:15pm at Ohkay Owingeh Conference Center. Invites nominations for CAB member appointments for 2-year term.

**H. Meeting Adjourned | -11:15a**

- a. **Motioned by:** Commissioner Roybal, County of Santa Fe; Second: Commissioner Gallegos, County of Taos

