



# REGIONAL COALITION of LANL COMMUNITIES

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Rio Arriba County – Santa Fe County – City of Santa Fe – Taos County – Town of Taos

## REGIONAL COALITION MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2017 | 9:00a—11:00a | Española Council Chambers, 405 N Paseo de Oñate, Española, NM

### A. Call to Order – Chair Barney Trujillo | 9:16a-

- a. 23 total audience members

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

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

### C. Approval of Agenda – Chair Barney Trujillo | 9:18a-

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

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

- a. **Approved** - Motioned by: Fabian Trujillo, City of Santa Fe; Second: Commissioner Roybal, County of Santa Fe

### E. Discussion/Action Items | 9:19a-

#### a. Briefing from LANL Summer Students, Carole Rutten, LANL Community Partnerships Office

- a. Selena Valencia, LANL Student Programs Office
  - i. Class of 2013 of Española Valley High School, current graduate student at NMSU
  - ii. Fifth Summer with LANL. Currently, coordinates events to support LANL student interns, including:
    - I. Meetings with LANL Director, LANL Ice Cream Social, Student-Mentor Picnic;
    - II. LANL Student Symposium showcases student projects and provides opportunities to connect with mentors, and;
    - III. LANL TEDxAbq will host 10 students from LANL to present in August / September
- b. Jasmine Vigil, LANL National Security Education Center and Center for Earth and Space Sciences
  - i. Class of 2016 Española Valley High School
  - ii. Third summer with LANL. Current project is a data analysis and report on 10-years of LANL funding initiatives and student internships.
- c. Q&A:
  - i. Mayor Lucero – We need more students to pursue their education and return to the Valley. Thanked LANL Community Partnerships office for providing this opportunity for students.
  - ii. Commissioner Roybal and Gallegos – Encouraged Jasmine, and New Mexico youth in general, to return to New Mexico to support the state’s growth.
  - iii. Andrea Romero – Is it possible for the Board to attend the student symposium? Carole Rutten responded that the Student Symposium is open to the public and will be hosted on August 9. LANL Community Partnerships Office will send agenda to Coalition members.

#### b. Executive Director Update | 9:33a-

- a. LANL M&O Contract Update
  - i. Staff will discuss communications strategy with Executive Committee on RCLC Platform of Interests as Request for Information is released.
- b. Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) Plutonium Facility Safety Review
  - i. LANL is undergoing a safety review and will have more information once LANL reports again to DNFSB. The Coalition will continue to monitor issue to ensure the maintenance of safety and security.
  - ii. They are hoping to increase production of 2 plutonium pits to 80 pits by 2027.
  - iii. A summary and live stream of the review can be found online at <https://www.dnfsb.gov/public-hearings-meetings/understanding-safety-posture-plutonium-facility-los-alamos-national>

#### c. Presentation on LANL Small Business Programs Office, Christopher Fresquez, Program Manager | 9:43a-

- a. Small Business Programs Office (SBPO) uses a variety of resources to educate suppliers on LANL’s size, geographic context, mission, and contractual structure.
  - i. Suppliers commonly misunderstand that LANL is structured to have an M&O contractor and is not a federal agency. Due to this structure, many federal requirements do not apply to M&O contractor.
  - ii. LANL ‘News Room’ online, discusses types of experiments, research and development occurring at LANL. SBPO uses this resource to highlight the broad range of mission areas at LANL and potential networking between LANL R&D and suppliers.

- b. Small Business Programs Office is responsible for managing and administering the Small Business Subcontracting Plan, maintaining databases with suppliers, outreach with IT, and coordinating with NNSA, DOE, and New Mexico Small Business Assistance (NMSBA).
  - i. Small business is dependent on North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Codes are defined by size standards, annual revenue, etc. Each code allows for a variety of classifications, and hence, businesses with 250 – 1,250 employees or a business with an annual revenue of \$7 - \$38M can be classified as small business.
- c. Subcontractor Regional Community Development Plan
  - i. Administered by LANL Community Partnerships Office
  - ii. SBPO identifies contracts that have potential to contribute to economic development, education, and/or community giving.
- d. The Mentor Protégé Program's current protégé, RG Construction, has been in the program for 3 years.
- e. Many LANL contractors, some classified as large businesses, also have small business contracting plans. SBPO helps these contractors to identify local subcontractors to meet their small business goals. Thus, some subcontractors may not do businesses directly with LANL, but still receive business from other LANL contractors.
  - i. E.g. SBPO matched subcontractor for Centerra's need for laundry services (boots, protective wear, etc)
- f. SBPO seeks to prioritize and recommend suppliers who are within categories of Small Business (SB), Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB), Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB), HUBZone Small Business (HUBZone), Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB), and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB).
  - i. HUBZone and SDVOSB are the two most difficult categories to fulfill in federal government and M&O contracts because pool of suppliers is so small.
- g. Student Program—LANL Small business office provides a position for a paid student internship to learn about government contracting and how the enterprise of LANL operates.
  - i. Intro and presentation by Ashley Dominguez, Class of 2012, Española Valley High School, UNM Student, LANL Small Business Advocate and current intern at LANL
    - I. As a student advocate, Ashley has the opportunity to learn about small business needs and requirements to work with LANL, and is also able to take advantage of learning more about LANL through site tours, conferences, etc.
    - II. Currently working to get more small business construction companies ready to do business with LANL.
- h. Q&A
  - i. Fabian Trujillo – Does SBPO work with the Procurement Technical Assistance Program and the statewide Small Business Development Center (SBDC)? Fresquez responded that SBPO regularly sends suppliers to Elaine Palin at SBDC, Santa Fe office, for business assistance, registration, marketing plans and development. SBPO also works with SBDC to educate them on the nuances between the federal government and M&O contractor scenario, such as how to correctly register suppliers who intend to work with federal laboratories. Occasionally, SBPO will reach out to other SBDC offices such as Lenny Bean in Albuquerque, Julianna Barbee in Española, and offices in Alamogordo, El Paso and Fort Bliss.
  - ii. Commissioner Roybal – Extended congratulations to former student employee and Dominguez, and recommended to Fresquez to increase opportunities for students to work with LANL and its affiliated programs.
  - iii. Commissioner Gallegos – Looks forward to finding ways for Taos businesses to work with SBPO. Fresquez commented that a Taos company working with ATV motorcycles recently contacted SBPO. The Small Business Office in procurement is now setting the stage for this business to compete for an order agreement when it comes out for bid.
  - iv. Andrea Romero – At the next Coalition meeting, we have invited Doug McCrary to speak to specific data on accomplishments through Small Business Program and more broadly throughout New Mexico.
  - v. Commissioner Trujillo – Appreciates seeing so many young people from Española Valley working with LANL, and exemplifies the value that LANL brings to our communities.
- d. **Briefing on difference in waste classification from DOE Environmental Management (Legacy) to NNSA (NewGen), Pete Maggiore, Deputy Assistant Manager of NNSA LANL Site Office and Steve Hoffman, EM-LA's Deputy Manager | 10:14a-**
  - a. NNSA/NA-LA and EM-LA are two federal agencies that administer federal dollars and M&O Contract. Both agencies work closely within the Management Steering Committee to provide updates on challenges, successes, and important developments.
    - i. Management Steering Committee is a team comprised of LANS, NA-LA, and EM-LA leadership.
      - I. Also includes 7 sub teams to support Committee on all issues associated with contract transitions.
  - b. Many transitions occurring at LANL, which means many opportunities (i.e. M&O / EM contract)

- c. NNSA addresses 'core missions' work at LANL: weapons program, global security, science, tech and engineering, operations and business, and capital projects.
  - i. Present in the audience, Darlene Rodriguez manages LANL Landlord Programs, which oversees NewGen waste management, regulatory and permitting compliance, and infrastructure.
  - ii. NNSA focuses on analogous waste management functions, environmental permitting, and compliance associated with NewGen.
  - iii. NewGen waste is defined as all nuclear waste generated post-1999.
- d. Environmental Management-Los Alamos (EM-LA)
  - i. Goal is to achieve safe, efficient and transparent management and cleanup.
  - ii. EM-LA focuses on fulfilling Consent Order with New Mexico Environment Department (NMED).
  - iii. Key areas at LANL: TA-21, Chromium plume remediation, Town-site remediation, Area-G, TA-54.
  - iv. As of today, June 9, 2017, it is EM-LA's 360th consecutive day without a reportable safety incident.
  - v. EM-LA has about 450 total affiliates, including contractors, assistant's contractors, and federal employees.
  - vi. TA-21 will be primary focus of FY18 additional funds.
  - vii. EM-LA bridge contract expires by September 30 and anticipates awarding new contract on October 1. The contract will be structured as a Federal Acquisition Reform (FAR) contract, which by design will be more involved and prescriptive than the M&O contract.
- e. NNSA and EM-LA represent two field offices, two prime contractors, but essentially it is one highly integrated site.
  - i. When NNSA or EM-LA is ready to ship waste to WIPP or Nevada National Security Site (NNSS), it is under one certification.
  - ii. Both agencies work together to minimize overlap and duplicity, with a commitment to efficiency.
- f. Q&A
  - i. Councilor Chandler – What is the removal strategy for NewGen waste currently stored at TA-55? And, what is the timeline for removal of TA-55? What is the timeline for TA-21 cleanup?
    - I. Maggiore - LANL has a robust program for newly generated waste. The program was challenged by the 2014 WIPP closure. NA-LA is currently preparing for shipping NewGen waste to WIPP through readiness activities. NA-LA is also challenged by the current waste facilities, and is thus developing mobile loading capability available in July. It is the hope that LANL shipments to WIPP will resume in September. EM-LA is working towards resuming additional operational abilities at TA-54 (where remediated nitrate salt barrels are stored). There are several factors that determine how long it will take to remove waste. The TRU facility is expected to open this year, 2017, and resuming shipments in fall. Then it will be a matter of managing inventory and ensuring compliance with WIPP and NMED.
    - II. Hoffman - EM-LA's lifecycle anticipates the TA-21 cleanup will take about 5-8 years. It will be done incrementally. The lifecycle is public information and can share upon request.
  - ii. Mayor Lucero – Met with Senator Pearce when he was in Los Alamos. Senator assured that cleanup at LANL will continue to be a priority in this Presidential Administration.
  - iii. Commissioner Gallegos – When the property of TA-21 is fully remediated and returned to Los Alamos County, what will be the land use / zoning?
    - I. Hoffman – TA-21 has various levels of impact and will be remediated upon the guidance of NMED. A large portion of TA-21 is planned to be returned to Los Alamos County for public use, including recreational and housing. NA-LA is responsible for land transition, EM-LA completes transition and hands it back to NA-LA for final review.
    - II. Maggiore – Challenges arise when the land transfer entity has more stringent guidelines for potential future land use than required by Consent Order standards, or if cleanup standards do not match up with NEPA planning documents. In these cases, EM-LA and NA-LA have to work closely together to ensure best outcome of property transfer. This occurred with TA-21 MDA Bravo, which involved many discussions with LA County, EM-LA and NA-LA.
    - III. Andrea Romero – Before a remedy is chosen for a given site, the public is involved in helping designate land use. The budget is partially determined by the designation because some land use designations require more regulatory standards than others. When the TA-21 hearing is announced to designate remedy, Coalition members and constituents can participate in designation process. We can also invite NMED to present at a future Coalition meeting.
  - iv. Andrea Romero – The Coalition is concerned for the safety of its communities and proper management of waste at LANL. RCLC would like to receive updates from NNSA to stay informed, especially since there currently isn't a designated body monitoring NewGen waste.
    - I. Maggiore – Will take Coalition's concern to management and will seek to proactively inform the Coalition on a regular basis.

**e. Briefing from NM Congressional Delegation, Patrick Duran | 10:45a-**

- a. Recognized the work of LANL and Sandia Labs within the NMSBA award. NMSBA supports companies throughout NM. Award on June 8 went to Oldwood in Las Vegas; a wood manufacturer that sells pinion burn wood and other types of wood flooring internationally.
- b. Congressional Delegation continues to have a good working relationship with EM-LA, much of which is due to good leadership at EM-LA, providing the Delegation with tools and knowledge so they have the right information to bring to Appropriations when asking for more funding.
- c. Will be doing outreach with Michele Hawk (sic) and Kim Davis Lebak's office.
- d. The Presidential proposed FY18 Budget has major cuts to the Center of Integrative Nanotechnologies (CINT) at LANL, which will have an impact on both LANL and Sandia Labs. Representative Lujan's office has advocated to appropriators for full funding of this program.
- e. Rep. Lujan's office plans to introduce an Energy Foundation bill this summer that supports the commercialization of LANL developed technologies, specifically relevant to the energy sector.
- f. Congressman Lujan and two representatives from Illinois introduced a "Support Startup Business Act" bill to secure funding for early stage innovation and development. Legislation provides modest funding increase to federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs.
  - i. Andrea – In May, DOE Small Business Office won an award as top Small Business office across the complex.

**f. Honoring Coalition History | 10:53a-**

- a. Honoring former Board Member, Steve Girrens and RCLC founder, Sharon Stover
  - i. Honoring Steve Girrens, former board member and founding mother of the Regional Coalition, Sharon Stover and their endless service to the region. In so doing, the Coalition is calling the month of June 'RCLC History Month' to reflect upon what it has taken to build the Coalition of interests. Although the honorees were not able to be present at the meeting, the Coalition has invited Stover and Girrens to the September Coalition Board meeting to be honored in person.
  - ii. Each Board Member spoke on praising and thanking Steve and Sharon for their service and their dedication to NM.
  - iii. Commissioner Trujillo also recognized Kathy Keith, Menice Santistevan, Pete Maggiore, Val Alonzo and others for participating regularly in the Coalition's meetings and efforts.

**g. Budget Update, Joanie Ahlers | 11:04a-**

- a. FY17 was \$45,000 under budget. These funds will go into fund balance for FY18 and forward.
- b. Proposed budget for FY18 is a flat budget.
- c. Andrea – Would like to discuss with Executive Committee the possibility of exploring alternative funding sources, beyond DOE grant, to decrease reliance on federal grant, diversify funding sources, and remain solvent.

**h. Action Items | 11:07a-**

- a. **Action:** Approve Regional Coalition Fiscal Year 2018 Budget
  - i. **Approved** - Motioned by: Councilor Chandler, Los Alamos County; Second: Mayor Lucero, City of Española
- b. **Action:** Approve CPO Matching Funds letter
  - i. **Approved** - Motioned by: Mayor Lucero, City of Española; Second: Fabian Trujillo, County of Santa Fe
- c. **Action:** Approve M&O Contract Transition Priorities
  - i. **Approved** - Motioned by: Commissioner Gallegos, County of Taos; Second: Commissioner Roybal, County of Santa Fe
- d. **Action:** Approve sponsorship for Historias de Nuevo Mexico 'Querencia Interrupted' conference, October 12-14
  - i. **Approved** - Motioned by: Commissioner Roybal, County of Santa Fe; Second: Mayor Lucero, City of Española

**F. No Public Comment**

**G. Meeting Adjourned | -11:14a**

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