



REGIONAL COALITION of LANL COMMUNITIES

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REGIONAL COALITION MEETING MINUTES STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REVIEW

March 12, 2017 | 8:00a—12:00p

Santa Fe Convention Center, 201 Marcy Street, Santa Fe, NM 87501

A. Call to Order – Chair Barney Trujillo | 8:26a-

B. Strategic Planning Session | 8:27a–

- a. This year, the Coalition is seeking to utilize the 2017-18 Work Plan as a broader, more effective strategy to achieve goals.
- b. Vision & Purpose: Local Procurements for FY2014 & FY2015
 - i. Councilor Ives – When will it be possible to get an update on FY2016 local procurement achievements by dollar value? Romero – We should receive an update for FY16 in May. And hiring updates typically happen at Community Leaders Breakfasts or upon request.
- c. Accomplishments in Community & Economic Development: Goal to support efforts and provide opportunities for local businesses and individuals to secure work at LANL, while supporting efforts to sustain and diversify LANL’s missions.
 - i. EM-LA Los Alamos Legacy Cleanup Contract (LLCC)
 - a. Councilor Chandler – Are we satisfied with the cause for advocating community involvement when there seems to be a lack of 100% EM commitment to that cause? Romero – DOE hosted first of its kind ‘Community Day’ to connect the EM acquisition process to community members. There was clear room for improvement as the notification and scheduling of this meeting was last minute, and thus, there were not many people present at the event. We have offered DOE ways to improve, but it is important that our organization and other stakeholders are engaged the first time because the acquisition timeline is limited. Community commitment is negotiable with our current contractor, and what is proposed is at their discretion.
 - b. Councilor Ives – DOE will not include requirements of community commitment in the contracting agreements. From recent meetings in DC, although there is not a legal requirement, there is a vocal consensus of the need to engage in community commitment. Romero – EM required the submission of a community commitment plan as part of the RFP, though the plan is unenforceable under the FAR. This is why community input and accountability is important. The Coalition absolutely advocates for mandating and accountability of community commitment over the lifetime of contract.
 - i. LANL Workforce Support
 - a. Councilor Ives – It is a significant issue to build relationships between educational institutions and LANL. What affirmative efforts can we make to develop this relationship? Romero – One effort we intend to focus on is to engage next EM contractor to become a workforce pillar and understanding how the Coalition can be proactive about how the conversation occurs between building a skilled workforce, overall, and the opportunity to connect to LANL jobs.
 - ii. NM Legislation to Preserve Gross Receipts Tax from Labs
 - a. Councilor Ives – Should the Board members be contacting representatives at the legislature? Romero – Because [HB 412](#) includes the Coalition’s messaging, it has passed through the House and is currently going through the Senate, this may be the best way forward and thus would void the Coalition’s bill, HB 332. However, an email will be sent out soon with language and contacts for Board members to call representatives at legislature.
 - b. Councilor Chandler – Is one of the arguments against this bill that the extra funds that would otherwise be going towards GRT would be reinvested into LANL? And there is no guarantee that NNSA/DOE will reinvest that money into LANL. Romero – Yes that is an argument and it is a threat to our efforts, although it cannot be proven that this supposed reinvestment is actually the case.
- d. Accomplishments in Environmental Stewardship: Goal to ensure that site cleanup activities protect the environment, health and safety of local communities through design, planning funding and execution of cleanup activities.
 - a. Revised Consent Order Agreement
 - i. Councilor Ives – In targeting highest risk cleanup, are there still areas that still need to be characterized and would it fall into high-risk category? Romero – EM-LA has informed us that ~90% of legacy waste has been characterized. EM-LA prioritizes what they have characterized based on highest risk to communities and remedy process. EM-LA is confident the 10% non-characterized waste is non-threatening.

- e. Accomplishments in Communications, Media & Engagement: Goal to increase visibility of the organization, its policies, and positions with an emphasis on member governments and the press. Increase internal communications and develop plan of execution. Produce meaningful and engaged communications and implement communications plan.
 - a. See handout '2016 Communications Snapshot'
 - b. Councilor Ives – Requested the Coalition to strategize how to better coordinate communications between each community and local press.
- f. Accomplishments in Business Operations & Organizational Management: Goal to manage a legally compliant and efficient organization, and ensure long-term funding for the organization.
 - a. Councilor Ives – Are we considering long-term funding a success? How can we ensure more Board members are able to travel on important advocacy trips? Romero – will discuss in closed session, however, we do receive a grant from DOE and all communities contribute. I believe we need to better define what 'long-term funding' truly means.

C. Break | 9:29a – 9:39a

D. Confirmation of Quorum – Chair Barney Trujillo – Approved

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

E. Approval of Agenda – Chair Barney Trujillo | 9:40a-

- a. **Approved** - Motioned by: Councilor Ives, City of Santa Fe; Second: Councilor Chandler, County of Los Alamos

F. Strategic Planning Session Resumed | 9:41a-

- a. Defining Strategy: Repositioning in a Changing Leadership Environment
- b. Engagement at National Level
 - i. Councilor Ives – It is important to have a presence in Washington, DC, however, it is also essential for the Coalition to engage well with all members of NM Congressional Delegation (WIPP reopening involves Congressman Pearce's district) and we shouldn't leave anyone out of the conversation. Go to monthly meetings at Congressional site-offices to understand their needs and opportunities for collaboration.
 - ii. Commissioner Trujillo – Focus on how can we better strategize engagement with Congressional Delegation (continue to invite to Board meetings and other opportunities), while also crucial to future of LANL to actively engage other stakeholder committees and departments.
- c. Board Engagement
 - i. Councilor Ives – Annual Timeline of Activities offer a good way to structure engagement. Nationally, we must be sure we are preparing for the changes within the new Administration. Need focused updates on priorities: Status of WIPP, contracting efforts for both LANL and Sandia, reclassification of waste, other DOE Laboratories, etc. Commit time with Board to discuss action items on Timeline of Activities. The City of Santa Fe could coordinate / host public listening sessions to support wider engagement.
 - ii. Mayor Lucero – Some speakers need 30 minutes and others only need 15 min. Use judgment to determine how many speakers and for how long.
 - iii. Commissioner Trujillo – The Board will speak up if there is anything that needs adjusting.
 - iv. Councilor Chandler – Provide highlights of things in meetings that are most important.
 - v. Representative Lovato – Support communities to identify how LANL can fill gaps of unmet needs in funding and programs. Consider what our message is to the new Administration.

G. Closed Session: Review of Executive Director Services | 10:20a – 12:03p

H. Strategic Planning Session Resumed | 12:04p-

- a. Action: Motion to approve postponement of April Board meeting until May 12, 2017. **Approved** – All in favor.

I. Meeting Adjourned | -12:07a

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