



# 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

September 9, 2016 | 9:00a—11:00a

Ohkay Owingeh Conference Center  
68 NM-291, Ohkay Owingeh, NM 87566

- A. Call to Order – Chair Barney Trujillo | Meeting Commenced 9:05a-**
- B. Confirmation of Quorum – Chair Barney Trujillo – Approved**
  - a. **Attendees:** Commissioner Barney Trujillo, Mayor Javier Gonzales, Councilor Kristin Henderson, Commissioner Henry Roybal, Councilor Darien Fernandez, Mayor Alice Lucero,
  - b. **Excused:** Lt. Governor Ward Yeppa, Commissioner Mark Gallegos, Governor Earl Salazar.
- C. Approval of Agenda – Chair Barney Trujillo | 9:15a-**
  - a. **Approved:** Mayor Javier Gonzales, City of Santa Fe; Second: Commissioner Henry Roybal, County of Santa Fe.
- D. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Chair Barney Trujillo | 9:18a-**
  - a. **Approved:** Mayor Javier Gonzales, City of Santa Fe; Second: Commissioner Henry Roybal, County of Santa Fe.
- E. Discussion/Action Items | 9:20a-**
  - a. Briefing from NM Congressional Delegation
    - i. Speaker: Katie Richardson, Sen. Heinrich's office
  - b. Briefing by Kathy Keith on activities at LANL Community Programs Office
    - i. In last 18 months, hired 1,135 new employees. Data shows 67% of new hires came from NM
    - ii. Series of events to promote jobs and hiring process
      - I. Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – REDI Workforce Initiative and Application Workshop
      - II. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> – All day event in Santa Fe focused on work opportunities for veterans
      - III. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> – Community Leaders Update
    - iii. Need to explore ways to effectively engage high school students interested in STEM degrees. Suggestion to expand the conversation beyond college presidents to include superintendents around region.
    - iv. LANL Representatives are available for events to speak or give workshops regarding job opportunities and LANL application process.
  - c. Executive Director Update
    - a. Presented RCLC letter of support addressed to LANS Board of Directors for continual funding of Community Commitment Plan.
      - i. Q: Mayor Gonzales - Is this an unusual consideration by LANS Board or is it a regular process for considering whether or not there will be a community fee? Is it a contract requirement? A: Kathy Keith - It is part of the regular annual process where LANS Board votes. It is not a contract requirement. It was an obligation at one point, however, obligation expired 3 years ago.
    - b. Exploring GRT Impact within the region
      - i. Prepared White Paper for Lt. Gov Sanchez's office

- ii. Presenting to NM Finance Committee Sept 28<sup>th</sup> regarding loss of tax credits if non-profit modeled M&O contractor is awarded.
  - iii. Meeting with UNM Bureau of Business
- c. Regional Attraction Guide - Several Successful Meetings with NM Realtors Association
  - i. Seeking to ensure funding showcases regional opportunities and housing
  - ii. Acquired graphic designer
  - iii. Housing education pilot has been postponed until further resources explored
- d. Working with Kathy Keith on LANL Community Partnership Programming to develop review process of current Community Programs to ensure preparedness for future M&O contractor.
- e. DOE EM Reorganization – Doug Hintze now reports to Stacy Cabineau. Organization may change again.
- f. Andrea Romero and Board members will be attending meetings with DOE and NM Congressional Delegation and cleanup workshop in Washington, DC, Sept 12-15.
- g. Met with Nuclear Watch NM to understand lawsuit on permit violations of previous consent order agreement. Santa Fe New Mexican article included in packet.
- h. Received a letter from Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management regarding LLCC draft RFP stating EMCBC is reviewing our comments.

**d. Presentation: Doug Hintze; Lifecycle Baseline Cost Estimate | 9:36a-**

- a. Organizational structure changes are to ensure DOE EM is more field centric
- b. Lifecycle Baseline Cost Estimate is categorized as a strategic planning document
  - i. This involves less detail and does not have a formulated budget
  - ii. Budget formulation happens within operational planning and tactical planning processes
- c. EM budget cycle
  - i. Chart included in presentation
  - ii. At any one time, EM may be in 3 different budget years; Planning Year, Budget Year, Execution Year
  - iii. 2018 budget will be submitted after new US President takes office in January 2017
    - 1. There is much work to be done to prepare for submittal
- d. Efficient transition to new EM contract in 2018
  - i. Attempting to reduced indirect and overhead costs
    - 1. E.g. Efficiently spend time on site cleanup. The more time spent cleaning up on site, the less money goes to LANL and more to contractors
  - ii. Projected efficiency rate of 15-20% due to process improvements and technology development
- e. 2016 LCC Cost and Schedule Estimate
  - i. Completion range is between 2035-2040
  - ii. Cost Estimate is \$2.9 - \$3.8 Billion
  - iii. Range factors include potential setbacks (ie. wildfires, monsoon rains, etc)
- f. Annual planning offers most accurate estimates according to set milestones
- g. Q&A:
  - i. Mayor Gonzales - Expressed frustration about delayed release of Lifecycle Baseline Cost Estimate and asked if/how the public process was considered in determining the consent order. Mr. Hintze - it was determined there was no need for a public hearing because it was not a permitting process but instead a settlement lawsuit.
  - ii. Mayor Gonzales – is there an assumption that waste is safer underground? Mr. Hintze – Yes.
  - iii. Councilor Kristin Henderson - how many years will it take to clean up chromium plume? Why not wait until contamination reaches aquifer to clean it up? Mr. Hintze - EM is in interim measures to determine contamination levels in Rio Grande. Expectation is to complete project in about 7 years. Aquifer is 1000 feet below ground, contamination is about 50 feet deep and is hard to

determine exactly where it is. Pump & Treat is very expensive and EM is looking at other types of treatments. How many total cleanup sites is EM responsible for? About 1,900 are covered by campaigns.

- iv. Commissioner Henry Roybal - did results show that contamination around San Ildefonso well was negative? Hintze - Results came back negative, but has reached some other EM monitored wells and EM is making sure contamination does not spread.

**e. Presentation: Val Alonzo; Regional Economic Development Initiative Conference/Workforce Summit | 10:17a**

- a. Sept 28<sup>th</sup> event partnering with Northern New Mexico Workforce Board
- b. In general, REDI is working closely with regional small businesses to connect them with resources and employees

**f. Budget Update, Andrea Romero**

- a. Changes include payments for Executive Director Services, sponsorship for the REDI conference (\$1500) Formal budget will be presented at next Board Meeting.

**g. Items from the Board**

- a. Mayor Gonzales: City of Santa Fe is regionalizing airport. More flights within New Mexico, Denver and Phoenix. There is a need for fundraising to match federal dollars. City of Santa Fe has received \$500,000 grant from Federal Government, \$200,000 from State and \$1.2 Million to update runways. Analysis shows potential full capacity \$200 Million impact on the region with about 2,500 new jobs. Asked for support through financial participation.
  - i. Q&A: Commissioner Barney Trujillo - How do Santa Fe Airport fares compare to Albuquerque Sunport? Mayor Gonzales – prices are fairly comparable and will become more affordable as we increase number of flights.
- b. Commissioner Henry Roybal: Recognized Commissioner Elect from District 2, Santa Fe County

**F. Public Comment | 10:30a-**

- a. Lorrie Bonds Lopez: LANL long-term strategy for environmental stewardship and sustainability
  - i. Roundtable events focused on land use decisions and water supply, November 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Will be filmed and available online
  - iii. May change date, due to election day
- b. Scott Kovac: Nuclear Watch NM supports LANL Cleanup and recognizes LANL's role within community.

**G. Meeting Adjourned | 10:37a**

- a. Motioned by: Commissioner Henry Roybal, County of Santa Fe; Second: Councilor Kristin Henderson, County of Los Alamos