



REGIONAL COALITION of LANL COMMUNITIES

Executive Director Update // August 17, 2018

CPLC Executive Director Transition

The CPLC team formally assumed our management role with the RCLC on August 1, 2018, with Eric Vasquez named as Executive Director for the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities. To date, our team has been active in standing up operations for the RCLC and restarting RCLC activities.

RCLC Logistical Operations

The new RCLC management team has been working on logistics of operations including the following:

- RCLC website. On the first day we took over the website went down for lack of payment to the hosting service. We reactivated service with the existing host and implemented minor updates while we work to move the hosting to a new host and redesign. Redesigning the site may be postponed, pending the RCLC's possible strategic planning session.
- Email: Reestablishing the RCLC email domain has taken longer than anticipated. In the meantime we have established a temporary email account for all RCLC business. This temporary account is RegionalCoalitionNMAgmail.com.
- We also established a RCLC phone number at 505-336-4247. During the transition some systems are unreliable so we are also directing calls to the CPLC's main line at 505-983-8646.

Stakeholder Meetings

During the past two weeks I have been meeting with various stakeholders to listen to their thoughts and concerns, and to brief them on the ongoing changes at the RCLC. This includes meetings or conversations with representatives from the MSC, LANL, EM, ECA, members of the congressional delegation or their staff and advocates.

JPA Update

In April the RCLC Board debated and voted to adopt an amended Joint Powers Agreement. Next steps were to submit it to DFA for review and then to our member governments for approval. I have visited DFA twice this month, taking the draft to them for review. The Secretary's office has been very informative and helpful in guiding our next steps.

But in light of the recommendations that have come out of the OSA report, and the possible upcoming strategic planning session, we may have additional amendments to incorporate in the JSA. I am recommending we review and if the Board desires, incorporate those additional changes to the JSA amendment. At that time we will then be ready to take the draft to our partner governments for approval.

DOE Grant

Two years ago the RCLC was granted a five-year cooperative agreement grant from DOE to help fund approved RCLC activities.

Events of the past several months have revealed possible deficiencies in the RCLC's compliance with some of the grant's stipulations. We are working to bring us back into complete compliance and I have

been meeting with various stakeholders to discuss this situation. Senator Udall's office has weighed in in support of retaining the grant. I also have been communicating with Senator Heinrich's staff and Congressman Lujan. On August 8 I also met with Congressman Steve Pearce and brought up the issue, along with briefing him and his staff about the RCLC. I also met with Doug Hintze where he brought up the issue and detailed what he believe DOE EM's procurement officer will need to see to renew the grant. Many of the provisions we are taking in light of the OSA report are moving us towards these goals. This grant is important to maintain if the RCLC is to remain an advocate for local communities on LANL related issues, but I am cautiously optimistic that we are on the right track to renewing it.

IPRA Request

Just an FYI: The RCLC has received an IPRA request regarding past financial operations and communications. We have submitted a response to the requesting party but the nature of the request, and our unfamiliarity with all the records we have received from the previous ED make fulfilling the request slower than all parties would like.

September Meeting

The upcoming RCLC meeting on September 21 will occur in Los Alamos and is tentatively scheduled to have a presentation from LANS, the outgoing prime contractor. The full schedule and details are still being developed but I believe it could be very informative and encourage our Board members to attend this meeting. Further details will be forthcoming.