

REGIONAL COALITION OF LANL COMMUNITIES

City of Española – Los Alamos County – Rio Arriba County
Santa Fe County – City of Santa Fe – Taos County – Town of Taos

Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2012

Los Alamos County – Council Chambers (Community Building)
475 20th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544

PLEASE NOTE: The recording of the meeting was lost. These minutes reflect Los Alamos County's recollection of the meeting. Some inaccuracies may exist.

Meeting Attendees:

Member government representatives:

Sharon Stover, Los Alamos County
Fran Berting, Los Alamos County
Andrew Chavez, Taos County
Danny Mayfield, Santa Fe County
Alice Lucero, City of Española
Elmer Torres, San Ildefonso Pueblo
Harry Burgess, Los Alamos County
Brian Bosshardt, Los Alamos County
Greg Fisher, Los Alamos County
Hvtce Miller, Santa Fe County
Alex Puglisi, City of Santa Fe
Duncan Sill, Santa Fe County
Fabian Trujillo, City of Santa Fe
Rick Carpenter, City of Santa Fe

Others:

Rebecca Montoya, Senator Jeff Bingaman
Jodi Arends, Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety
Rev. Holly Beaumont, Interfaith Worker Justice
David Bacon, Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety
Stephen Guerin, Simtable Santa Fe
John Severance, Los Alamos Monitor
Robert Apodaca, NRCS
Rick Ulibarri, LANL
Butch Tongate, NMED
Lisa Putkey, Think Outside the Bomb
Robert Chavez, HOPE & Think Outside the Bomb
Don Ami, DOE
Kelly Sterna, Los Alamos Fire Department
Glenn Trehorn, Los Alamos Fire Department

Troy Hughes, Los Alamos Fire Department
Manny L'Esperance, LANL
Kathy Keith, Regional Development Corporation
David Abelson, Crescent Strategies (facilitator)

1. Convene/Introductions/Agenda Review

David Abelson called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. and welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Minutes for the March 23, 2012, and May 10, 2012, meetings were approved.

2. Public Comment

Joani Arends expressed concerned that the meetings were not being properly noticed, and that she was having trouble getting information about the meetings prior to the meeting.

Rev. Holly Beaumont expressed concern about the direction of the organization, believing that it is a pro-LANL, pro-nuclear organization.

3. LANL 101 – Briefing on Lab mission and operations – Manuel L 'Esperance, Fire Management Officer

LANL Fire Management Officer Manuel L'Esperance briefed the board on LANL's Wildland Fire Prevention Program. Officer L'Esperance explained that each March, the LANL Fire Department briefs site personnel on mitigation measures they are taking, the effectiveness of prior action, and weather forecasts for the upcoming fire season. This briefing was essentially the same briefing the LANL Fire Department provides each March.

Fire mitigation efforts LANL has taken are having measurable affects in reducing wildlife risk. Officer L'Esperance focused on recent thinning activity and mitigation measures taken along roadways. He also discussed the prior fires and lessons learned that the LANL Fire Department is using in implementing mitigation actions.

After the meeting there was a demonstration on fire-fighting systems made by Simtable.

4. Economic Development

David Abelson initiated the discussion, noting that the Regional Coalition's economic development efforts cannot duplicate existing efforts, notably those undertaken by individual governments and/or the Regional Development Corporation. The board then engaged in a roundtable conversation.

Fabian Trujillo, City of Santa Fe, started the conversation, noting that the board could bring resources to support existing efforts. The Regional Coalition could also help support and expand existing infrastructure and business recruitment. He concluded by noting that the Regional Economic Development Initiative has a good list of priority projects. He also stated the Regional Coalition could be a convening organization.

Greg Fisher, Los Alamos County, explained that LANL is in competition with other federal laboratories, and that it is imperative that in the post-Cold War era that LANL reinvent itself. He too stressed the importance of bringing resources to existing efforts.

Alex Puglisi, City of Santa Fe, spoke of the need for a regional training effort focused on local workforce development. He also discussed the fact that there are many great programs in colleges, but it remains hard to get jobs. Transitioning people into cleanup jobs at LANL could help achieve the goal of finding work for people and remediating the site.

Kathy Keith, Regional Development Corporation (RDC), explained that as the RDC executive director, she see great potential for collaboration between the Regional Coalition and the RDC. She said a worthy goal for the Regional Coalition was to maintain jobs at LANL through support for federal funding and other efforts.

Alice Lucero, Mayor, City of Española, believes the Regional Coalition can be a good support mechanism for the RDC.

Duncan Sill, Santa Fe County, said that it is imperative to identify resources and organizational capacity. Mayor Lucero concurred.

Fran Berting, Councilor, Los Alamos County, noted the importance of coordinating information.

Andrew Chavez, Taos County, explained that to support LANL and regional economic efforts, it remains imperative to support DOE's national mission. For that reason, the Regional Coalition should have DOE and LANL at the table.

Following the dialogue, David Abelson asked whether the Regional Coalition could form a sub-group to begin to flush out these issues, paying particular attention to the issue Duncan Sill raised. Duncan, Fabian and Greg agreed to begin a dialogue and to report back to the board. They noted, however, that this effort would only be in place until an executive director was hired, as this work would be that person's responsibility.

The following reflects the specific comments captured via flipchart during the roundtable discussion:

Broad Focus Areas Identified in the Discussion:

- A. Unique Purpose of LANL
 - a. LANL remains the nation's premiere nuclear safety and security laboratory, but the role has evolved to include additional research including energy security and materials sciences. Can we understand that evolution and prepare our workforce?
- B. Coalition Role in Marketing and Branding the Unique LANL Role
 - a. How can the Coalition assist?
- C. Long-term Goal and Evolution of LANL Mission
 - a. Where does LANL go over the long term? Near-term?
- D. Communication of Employment Impacts and Opportunities

E. Specific Work Plan?

ED Work Plan Discussion

- A. Marketing and Communication (support for LANL role with federal delegation)
 - a. Largest Employer in Northern New Mexico
 - b. Adverse and Positive Changes in the Budget impacts of employment and businesses in Northern New Mexico
 - c. Employment links- state WFS and community colleges to LANL training and jobs
- B. Business Development in the Region
 - a. Targeting businesses that want to undertake business with the Lab
 - b. Facilitating Technology Transfer and Business Development by the Lab
 - c. Support business incubation and business development on non-federal lands
- C. Bridge-building between Communities and LANL
 - a. Common statements of need and principle
- D. Resource Coordination and Communication among communities (REDI assist)
 - a. Resource Guide
 - b. Common position statement
 - c. Working with federal delegation members
- E. Business Services Available in the Region or Business Retention & Expansion, Entrepreneurial Development and Business Attraction
 - a. Business Retention and Expansion
 - i. Financing
 - 1. Micro-lending; Accion, Loan Fund, WESST, Tri-County Revolving Loan Fund
 - 2. Government Guaranteed Loan Programs – SBA Programs, Collateral Support Program
 - 3. Equity Financing – Angel Investment Fund; NM Community Capital; Northern NM Venture Acceleration Fund and other VC funds
 - ii. Incentives
 - 1. State statutory incentives i.e. JTIP, High Wage Jobs Tax Credit, Technology Jobs Tax Credit, Angel Investment Credit; etc
 - 2. Local Incentives – LEDA, IRBs, GRIP other incentives
 - iii. Other Technical Assistance Programs
 - 1. NM Small Business Assistance Program
 - 2. Northern NM Connect
 - 3. NM Manufacturer’s Extension Program
 - 4. NM 9000
 - 5. WESST
 - 6. SBDC
 - 7. SCORE
 - iv. Supplier Enhancement Program
 - v. SF Enterprise Resource Center (SFERC)
 - vi. NM Office of Business Advocacy
 - b. Entrepreneurial Development
 - i. SF Business Incubator

- ii. Northern NM Connect
 - iii. NM Consortium
 - iv. HIVE
 - v. Entrepreneurial Networking
 - vi. NM Native American Business Enterprise Center
 - vii. Market Intelligence
 - viii. HD3
 - ix. SBDC
 - x. SCORE
 - xi. SFERC
 - c. Business Attraction
 - i. NM Economic Development Partnership
 - ii. NMEDD
 - iii. City of SF Economic Development
 - iv. Los Alamos County
 - v. RDC – REDI
 - d. Workforce Development
 - i. UNM Taos
 - ii. Northern NM College
 - iii. SF Community College
 - 1. Customized Training Programs for Businesses
 - 2. Teamwork in Action - fosters employee development for businesses and other organizations
 - 3. Job Profiling and Pre-employment testing using WorkKeys and KeyTrain.
 - iv. Workforce Investment Act
 - v. JTIP
- F. Regular Updates
 - a. Newsletters and meetings

5. Coalition Updates

- a. Coalition funding – David Abelson noted that DOE funding was still winding through internal DOE processes, and thus there was no new news to report.
- b. Executive Director RFP – the RFP was issued and four companies submitted responses. The board agreed to conduct interviews on June 18th in Española.
- c. Chamber effort in DC (tentative July 16 & 17) – Kathy Keith and Sharon Stover updated the board on their effort to schedule meetings for regional chamber members in Washington, D.C.
- d. Pueblo participation – Elmer Torres stated he remains hopeful that San Ildefonso Pueblo would join the Regional Coalition.
- e. Congressional update –David Abelson discussed CMRR. Following NNSA’s recent announcement that it would delay building the CMRR for five years, the House Armed Services Committee included an amendment expressing strong support

for CMRR, authorizing funding at \$160 million for fiscal year 2013, and including language transferring budget authority to DOD. The Senate Armed Services Committee included a provision directing DOE/NNA to construct CMRR, and expressing disappointment with the cost increases. Sharon Stover expressed thanks to Rep. Lujan for his amendment, which would have diverted \$21.9 million from NNSA to DOE's Office of Environmental Management for cleanup work. The House did not adopt that amendment.

- f. Open Meetings Act – Board noted the concern expressed at the outset of the meeting about the need to increase transparency and make meeting information more readily available. They requested that at the July meeting, Los Alamos County staff provide the framework for complying with the state's Open Meeting Act.

6. Wrap Up/Next Steps

The board announced that the next meeting was scheduled for Friday, July 13 in Española.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.