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REGIONAL COALITION OF LANL COMMUNITIES
City of Espanola – Los Alamos County – Rio Arriba County – Santa Fe County –
City of Santa Fe – Taos County – Town of Taos – Pueblo of Ohkay

Espanola Convento Museum
Friday, February 21, 2013

Attendance

Mayor David Coss (Chair RCLC), Mayor Alice Lucero (Vice-Chair RCLC), County Commissioner Danny Mayfield (Secretary/Treasurer RCLC), Councilor Fran Berting, Secretary/Treasurer Andrew Gonzales, County Commissioner Tom Blankenhorn, Governor Ron Lovato, Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo and Deputy Manager David Trujillo, alternate for Rio Arriba County.

JLH Media team members Darien Cabral, Jennifer Padilla, and Lisa Neal.

Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Mayor Coss called the meeting to order at 9:24am. All coalition members introduced themselves to the audience. Of particular note, Mayor Alice Lucero, spoke about the location that the meeting was being held at, in particular the history and artwork.

Members of the public in attendance introduced themselves to the coalition.

Chair Mayor Coss thanked State Representative Stephanie Garcia-Richard of Los Alamos for attending the meeting just one-day after the legislative session ended.

Confirmation of Quorum

Chair Mayor Coss confirmed a quorum and noted that it was one of the best turnouts in a while and thanked everyone for attending.

Approval of Minutes: January 17, 2014

Jennifer Padilla noted that a number of changes would be made to the public comment section of the January minutes. She said that they were minor, non-substantive changes and that we appreciate the public’s input.

Motion: To approve the minutes from January 17, 2014 **Moved by** Secretary/Treasurer Andrew Gonzales, **Seconded by** Commissioner Mayfield.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = unanimous).

1 **Financial Information:**

2 Chair Mayor Coss asked Brian Bosshardt to speak about the financial information; he noted
3 the monthly payment to RCLC Executive Director, JLH Media. The Coalition has received
4 reimbursable money from a Department of Energy grant in the amount of \$72,000.
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6 **Reports from Congressional Delegations**

7 Michelle Jaquez-Ortiz from Senator Udall's office reported that they are waiting for the
8 president's budget to come out, target date, week of March 4th. Senator Udall will drop a bill
9 dealing with lab directed research and development. Currently it is capped at 4%; however
10 the Senator would like to restore the 8% cap to provide facilities with more spending
11 flexibility for research and development. Jaquez-Ortiz complimented Mayor Coss and
12 thanked him for his generous service on the RCLC on behalf of Senator Udall.
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14 Katie Richardson, Senator Heinrich's office: Mike Sullivan is now the statewide outreach
15 director. Katie is now field representative to Los Alamos County and the Labs. The
16 congressional delegation has contacted the New Mexico Environment Department, in
17 relation to the WIPP incident, to ensure health of community in regards to plutonium
18 detection. The detected levels are well below any EPA limits and it is a safe environment
19 above ground. It may take up to 3 weeks to clear up problems at the Waste Isolation Pilot
20 Plant (WIPP) and get workers back in.
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22 **Prior to the Executive Director Report a Resolution Honoring Mayor Coss -**

23 Commissioner Danny Mayfield said he appreciated collaborating with Mayor Coss and said
24 he will be missed by colleagues and the community. Chairman Coss was presented with a
25 book entitled 'Art Journey of NM' as a token of the Coalition's appreciation for his service.
26 The board then read a resolution honoring the service of the outstanding Chairman/Mayor
27 Coss on the RCLC.
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29 Councilor Berting echoed earlier sentiments regarding Mayor Coss.
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31 Commissioner Andrew Gonzales thanked him for his leadership and guidance, especially
32 concerning environmental cleanup. He spoke about the information that Mayor Coss
33 provided which was invaluable to the RCLC, Gonzales will miss him.
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35 Mayor Alice Lucero thanked him for being the first chairman of the coalition, saying that he
36 set the standard for the future chair. She stated that the people of the region have benefited
37 from his service, knowledge and expertise. Mayor Coss was always there to help her and she
38 appreciates the friendship.
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40 Commissioner Tom Blankenhorn stated that he has been impressed with Mayor Coss's time
41 as chair and will miss him, but he hopes to work together again.
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43 Governor Ron Lovato thanked him on behalf of Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo stating that he had
44 provided leadership for the new organization and helped in dealing with all the public
45 officials involved. He said that Mayor Coss did a great job and wished him nothing but the
46 best.
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1 **Darien Cabral: Executive Director Report, JLH Team**

2 Mr. Cabral started off by stating that he has been with RCLC for about three months and is
3 extremely impressed with level of support and expertise of everyone on the board and
4 everyone the RCLC works with. Thanked everyone, including Mayor Coss.

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6 Cabral acknowledged the busy schedules of the elected officials and the necessity of
7 generating fast decisions from complex information. Rather than form committees, which
8 may have violated the Open Meetings Act, ad hoc study groups are being held to make
9 recommendations to the board. The Board directs those groups, which then provide
10 insights to the Board enabling them to make decisions.

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12 One of the groups involved education, for which they met with Commissioners Gonzales &
13 Blankenhorn in Taos. Andrew Gonzales discussed the College for America initiative in Taos.
14 Tom Blankenhorn spoke about private or public organizations offering education
15 opportunities for their employees. The program offers classes geared towards real world
16 topics and is \$2,500. Federal financial aid is available for these types of classes.

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18 Mr. Cabral has been meeting with Chris Madrid, economic development director for the
19 Taos area. There are two Internet based companies in Taos, Brown Rice and SeriousWare,
20 and they cannot find qualified employees in the area. SeriousWare is considering leaving
21 Taos because there are not enough skilled people in the workforce to meet their employee
22 needs. He met with Kurt Steinhouse & Carol Rutten and discussed the Sandia High Tech
23 Academy model that has been in place for 15 years. There is a possibility to emulate that
24 program and connect education directly with jobs.

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26 This particular program started out in a low-income area high school in Albuquerque. The
27 program brought in scientists from Sandia and focused on photonics. Anyone who was
28 interested in studying this career field could sign up for the program. They were given
29 internships while in high school. After graduation from college they would be guaranteed a
30 job at Sandia Laboratory in this field. This program allowed for the retention of young
31 graduates who were able to stay and work in New Mexico, rather than leaving to find work.
32 This model could also work in the private sector to address lack of skilled workers. It could
33 provide paths for students to follow into the private sector with the right mentorship. LANL
34 spent \$70M on educational programs last year. LANL is attempting to implement this
35 model. RCLC may coordinate with LANL and hold an education day to determine how more
36 people can benefit from these educational programs. One of the keys is advertising it among
37 students in the region. The other mandates or areas of emphasis, including workforce
38 training/economic development, may have been ignored in the past. They are now looking
39 at putting more emphasis on these areas.

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41 Mr. Cabral gave a special welcome to former Governor of Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo, Ron
42 Lovato. The importance of RCLC working with the Pueblos and increasing membership from
43 them in order to make the Coalition more effective was noted. The voice of RCLC is stronger
44 as a unified group. Every tribe is different and unique. The generations of people that
45 contribute to this area are embedded. There are no stronger roots than the
46 indigenous/native people of this area. When there is talk about environmental cleanup it
47 has more meaning to the native people and the Pueblos. The Pueblos have a special status
48 as sovereign entities and can bring a lot of benefits to the region. They can market to the
49 government, create joint venture companies, and provide special financing that you cannot

1 get with any other organization. Mr. Cabral would like to sit with Governor Lovato and
2 brainstorm on how to utilize Pueblos in a more effective manner.

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4 There is no presentation from DOE & NMED this month because they are working on
5 environmental cleanup priorities to create a new environmental consent decree. This will
6 be presented at next month's meeting.

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8 This makes for more of a challenge while looking for funding in Washington DC; it is
9 stronger if there is a particular project you can talk about. Mr. Cabral indicated they are
10 going without a specific project in mind, but will still make a very strong case. The ECA
11 Director, Seth Kirschenberg, is helping to put together important talking points for the trip.
12 The old consent decree from 2005 was never funded; therefore cleanup has been behind
13 schedule from day one. When extra funding was available last year it was used for the 3076
14 program to cleanup aboveground waste, which was a big success. This is proof that if
15 funding is available positive things will happen. The direction they will take in Washington
16 DC will address the idea of a stable funding source at \$255 million per year.

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18 Another message being taken to Washington is the subcontractor issue, of which only two
19 companies qualify for the supply chain management center certification. When the sales
20 manager from a company that qualifies, says that basically no other state company can
21 qualify, there are issues. Mr. Cabral has been working with Liddy Martinez, Kurt Steinhouse
22 and Jeff Lundsford to determine how not to lose 100's of jobs and thousands of dollars. They
23 are hoping to work with local business subcontractors in order to keep them working with
24 LANL.

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26 Mr. Cabral announced that Representative Stephanie Garcia-Richards put through a
27 memorial during the 2014 session of the State of NM, which stated concern for the issue and
28 supported changes in the Federal regulations.

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30 Representative Stephanie Garcia-Richards discussed the memorial in support of the federal
31 contractor issue. She noted the ripple effect when contracts are lost. State support is behind
32 the contractors. STEM Education is something she is working on as well including tech-
33 transfers and grant funding opportunities. State leadership has gotten behind some of these
34 job initiatives and she hopes to work with RCLC on some of these ideas.

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36 Mr. Cabral referenced the SharePoint site with the interactive component for board
37 members and the ad hoc groups/committees. There has been a lot of talk about Area G and
38 the other issues regarding environmental mediation. There are various presentations linked
39 on the site regarding these issues. The more everyone knows about this, the better off
40 everyone is. Access information will be sent out to all board members. This will allow the
41 board to put information and data on the site as well. The sites will evolve and be updated
42 so that they will be current. Commissioner Mayfield noted that there are other groups that
43 have made presentations to the NM Citizens Advisory Board; he would like to see links to
44 their presentations as well. Mr. Cabral noted that as a board member, Commissioner
45 Mayfield could put those on himself. The regional coalition website may already have those
46 links, but they will be updated. It was suggested that a SharePoint presentation be given at
47 one of the next meetings so that all members of the public could see it. Mr. Cabral indicated
48 he was prepared to do that, but with no Wi-Fi access in the building, it would have to wait
49 until the next meeting.

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1 An audience member noted that she had looked at the website and there was no agenda for
2 the meeting or minutes from the last meeting. Also, there was no address for where the
3 meeting was being held for the public to see, so they might not have been able to find the
4 meeting. Mr. Cabral noted that the venue was changed at the last minute, but people were
5 told at the City Hall of Espanola to send people to the correct location. There was discussion
6 of the meeting packet being sent out in advance of the meeting; the indication was that it
7 was sent out a week prior to the meeting.

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9 Jennifer Padilla indicated that any public member interested in receiving the packet can
10 sign-up at the RCLC website to receive it by e-mail. However, minutes were not included
11 this past time because they had yet to be approved by the board. Mr. Cabral noted this is a
12 learning process and they will continue to smooth out the process.

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14 Mr. Cabral stated that it is important to revisit the strategic plan. He is looking at different
15 initiatives and people to work with, but the plan has not been updated in over a year. He
16 will figure out a way to update the strategic plan through virtual meetings. Commissioner
17 Gonzales said he would like to meet in-person for one-day to deal with the strategic plan
18 and set a solid foundation for the plan. The Board indicated they would like to plan a day for
19 this. Commissioner Gonzales asked for it to be the day before the regular meeting. Mr.
20 Cabral noted the timing is right because there may be new board members in the near
21 future due to elections.

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23 Jennifer Padilla reviewed the website, which included what was done to clean up and revise
24 the website. She asked for suggestions for content and links to various organizations. She
25 noted that schedule of the meetings will be on the website for the entire year. There is a
26 need for information on SharePoint to be tied into the RCLC website.

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28 She provided an update on the letter to the editor of the Taos News, noting that a copy was
29 included in the packets. She talked about the factsheet that simplifies some of the messages,
30 which was developed for the media and explains what RCLC does. There was an
31 opportunity to get information out about RCLC with the Green Fire Times; an article on the
32 RCLC will be featured in March issue. There is also a press release on the Washington DC
33 trip, which will explain to local media what RCLC is about and why they are heading to DC.
34 She worked with Mayor Coss' office to draft an environmental mission statement. In
35 addition, Padilla worked on planning the DC trip with Seth Kirshenberg.

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37 **Update - Washington D.C. Trip Darien Cabral**

38 Mr. Cabral summarized what was going to take place with next week's trip to DC, which will
39 be three-days of meeting with the congressional delegation and the NNSA (National Nuclear
40 Security Administration) people. There will be two-days of meeting with the ECA (Energy
41 Communities Alliance). Peer review session with ECA, the agenda is on the SharePoint site
42 for that, and then board meetings afterwards. He will raise the subcontractor issue, because
43 it is a national issue, which affects LANL and Sandia Labs. Cabral noted that it is affecting
44 NM more than other states as we are more reliant on federal dollars, more than other states.
45 RCLC will be working with SCMC who had a meeting with the sub contractor's consortium
46 at LANL. It is important for all parties to work together in order to get something done. The
47 people that are going to Washington include: David Trujillo, Commissioner Mayfield &
48 Berting, Mayor Coss, Brian Bosshardt, Jennifer Padilla and Darien Cabral.

1 **Revised Federal Legislative Priorities**

2 Mayor Coss has indicated that these are all on the website. This is a very timely item
3 because of the Washington DC trip and wanting to make sure the message is on point.

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5 Brian Bosshardt: clarified that the 4th bullet had had some minor modifications, namely, the
6 removal of the word “Modernization.”

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8 Mayor Coss read the resolution and then asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner
9 Mayfield noted that at the last meeting, Seth Kirschenberg stated the potential for an 18
10 member commission to discuss potential lab consolidation. He referred to the previous
11 meeting minutes, page 12, and the third paragraph. He thought that was going to be
12 included in the resolution and in the discussion with the federal delegation in Washington.
13 It related to how the labs work together, which ones are critical and how they relate to
14 BRACK issues. It is not too early to start talking to our delegation during the DC trip. Mayor
15 Coss wanted to know if it would be suggested as a bullet under the LANL category.
16 Commissioner Mayfield indicated it could go in the ‘other’ category. Councilor Berting
17 wanted to know where the coalition was at this point and to have more of a background,
18 although there would not be time before the DC trip. Commissioner Mayfield thought it was
19 important to start that dialogue with the local delegation.

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21 Brian Bosshardt indicated that the commission has not been named yet, but it will be
22 shortly. He thinks it relates to the LANL bullet and talking points with Seth Kirschenberg
23 and the congressional delegation.

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25 Commissioner Mayfield also brought up what was going on at WIPP right now and wanted
26 to know if that was going to be addressed with the congressional delegation. That could also
27 be under the LANL bullet.

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29 Mayor Coss stated that WIPP could change a lot of things, although the investigation is early.
30 He thought it was a good point.

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32 Commissioner Gonzales indicated that this may be more than cleanup related and so more
33 thought might need to be put into the LANL bullet. Mayor Coss indicated that there were
34 other items associated with that bullet other than cleanup.

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36 Brian Bosshardt told the board that the purpose of the bullet was to indicate the
37 diversification of the LANL mission and to work on increased funding. Mayor Coss indicated
38 that the coalition is not supporting modernization or CMRR and that it is important to keep
39 reminding people that the focus is cleanup.

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41 Governor Lovato said the language is fine. He thinks to the RCLC should support and
42 advocate for LANL, including its work in the nuclear fields. There is a lot of potential that
43 can happen in the future for our area and country.

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45 Councilor Gonzales would like to see the full funding dollar amount in the language.
46 Commissioner Mayfield spoke about a figure of \$450 million that was mentioned in a
47 previous meeting. Although he indicated he would have to refer back to his notes.

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49 **Motion:** To approve the resolution for Federal Legislative Priorities 2014, with the
50 language as present **Moved by** Mayor Alice Lucero, **Seconded by** Councilor Fran Berting

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2 **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = unanimous).

3 Roll Call Vote
4 Councilor Berting – Yes
5 Commissioner Mayfield – Yes
6 Councilor Gonzales – Yes
7 Chairman Coss – Yes
8 Mayor Lucero – Yes
9 Commissioner Blankenhorn – Yes

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11 **Proposed Resolution – Subcontractor Issue**

12 Mayor Coss read the proposed resolution.

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14 Mayor Lucero indicated that the City of Espanola adopted a similar resolution at the last
15 City Council meeting.

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17 Councilor Berting thinks that is it important to approve this.

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19 Commissioner Mayfield supports this resolution and thanked Liddy Martinez.

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21 Liddy Martinez mentioned efforts to get the memorial began with the first meeting of the
22 Rio Arriba network. Thanked the new chamber director, a county representative and
23 Representative Stephanie Garcia-Richard. She thinks it is great to see a community come
24 together and deal with an issue like this.

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26 **Motion:** To approve the resolution related to subcontractor issues **Moved by** Mayor Alice
27 Lucero, **Seconded by** Councilor Fran Berting

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29 **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = unanimous).

30 Roll Call Vote
31 Councilor Berting – Yes
32 Commissioner Mayfield – Yes
33 Councilor Gonzales – Yes
34 Chairman Coss – Yes
35 Mayor Lucero – Yes
36 Commissioner Blankenhorn – Yes
37 Deputy Manager Trujillo - Yes

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39 **Proposed Environmental Statement**

40 Mayor Coss indicated that this resolution is near and dear to his heart and that this is an
41 important item take to take to DC. He added a few more things have been added to the
42 statement. He indicated they are not sure what next issue will be although they will be
43 lobbying for funding. He wants to continue the cleanup and get the environment back to
44 how it was years ago. Mayor Coss read through the revised copy.

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46 Mr. Cabral commented that these are not easy issues. He referenced a report on Area G and
47 he was impressed with it. The amount of study that goes into this area is also impressive.
48 There is a tremendous amount of remediation that goes into these areas. There is a delicate
49 balance between not being too specific and making recommendations that are achievable.

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1 Councilor Fran Berting indicated that items 5 & 6 are good. The cap and cover is too specific.
2 There is a lot of technicality that has been studied for years. Being specific will weaken the
3 discussion and she wants to give people the option to do what's best for Northern NM. The
4 councilor would like to strike portion of sentence referring to cap and cover.

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6 Commissioner Mayfield asked how the initial draft was created.

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8 Jennifer Padilla indicated that Mayor Coss's office created initial draft, although both Alex
9 and Jennifer worked on revisions.

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11 Commissioner Mayfield said this board needs information created by all groups in the
12 community, rather than producing these types of documents by themselves. He said that
13 Paragraph 3 or bullet 3 could be read a lot of different ways. Stated his concern for
14 groundwater and thought it should be made a priority. He does not know how to prioritize
15 issues. Regarding cap and cover, is there another word that could be used instead? He
16 indicated that LANL is not opposed to cap and cover. He referenced Area 54 and dumping in
17 unlined pits and his other environmental concerns.

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19 Mayor Alice Lucero stated that she had asked for more environmental presentations during
20 the November 2013 meeting so the board could have more and make more informed
21 decisions on environmental remediation. She still wants to see that presentation happens.
22 She is for cleanup, but is concerned about costs and whether it is achievable. She does not
23 want to eliminate alternative cleanup measures. She is concerned about being more open in
24 the document and not so specific.

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26 Councilor Andrew Gonzales does not want to take the least expensive action and settle for
27 the least expensive alternative. Cap and cover may not be the right word, but wants the
28 remediation to be done correctly. Does not want to lobby for increased missions and then
29 have to settle for the least expensive way to cleanup.

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31 Mayor Coss stated that cap and cover might be a non-technical buzz phrase. He indicated
32 that he is fine with bullet #3. There is also acceptance of bullet #5 and #6, so that put them
33 back to paragraph 2. He would like to strike "cap and cover" from the document. Coss hates
34 to argue over the federal regulations and having to monitor their cleanup actions into the
35 future. He is concerned over contamination at WIPP and now there is a leak, it bothers him
36 a lot. This is a very complex issue and Area G does not take priority over any other issue. He
37 does not like the idea of monitoring a site for perpetuity.

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39 Commissioner Blankenhorn liked Coss's rephrasing and thinks it relieves some of the
40 concerns. From a practical standpoint, Area G will not be dug up any time soon because of
41 monetary issues. He wants to maintain a realistic approach in this document. He shares
42 Coss's concerns and likes the changes Coss recommended. We prefer solutions that are not
43 just dollar based, but are also based on real concerns about the environment.

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45 Commissioner Mayfield said point #5 related to full public participation, which should
46 always be a full priority. Does that include local and pueblo government officials? He wants
47 all coalition members to have a voice in this, because they all heard from their communities.

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49 Councilor Berting moved to approve the document with the changes that Mayor Coss
50 recommended, although point 3 would stay the same as the version in the packet.

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2 **Motion:** To approve the resolution related to the proposed environmental statement
3 **Moved by** Councilor Berting, **Seconded by** Commissioner Mayfield

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5 **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = unanimous).

6 Roll Call Vote

7 Councilor Berting – Yes

8 Commissioner Mayfield – Yes

9 Councilor Gonzales – Yes

10 Chairman Coss – Yes

11 Mayor Lucero – Yes

12 Commissioner Blankenhorn – Yes

13 Deputy Manager Trujillo – Yes

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15 **Public Comment**

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17 **Commenter #1:** from Santa Fe: He thanked Mayor Coss for all he's done. He is pleased with
18 the passing of the environmental statement. Mr. Coughlan explained that cap and cover is a
19 term used by the NM Environmental Department. Noted a formal proposal to implement
20 cap and cover of Area G and that approval from NMED could happen at any time. Once
21 NMED approves cap and cover of Area G, it cannot be undone. Hoped the coalition would
22 take action on this before NMED approves that.

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24 He had a correction to the minutes from January; his quote that no permanent jobs would
25 be created, not the word pertinent. LANL is not creating any permanent jobs. The \$6B
26 plutonium project creates no new permanent jobs while Area G cleanup would create a
27 series of permanent 20-30 year jobs.

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29 The environment Federal priorities were approved for lobbying next week. He is concerned
30 over support for future consent orders and asked them to reconsider at a future meeting.
31 The RCLC should not express support for a future document that has not been created yet in
32 regards to cleanup.

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34 The present gubernatorial administration has eviscerated the consent order on cleanup.
35 You do not want to rely on the next governor/administration for what that consent order
36 should be. You cannot sign a contract without knowing what the provisions will be in the
37 future.

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39 **Commenter #2:** from Santa Clara Pueblo: hopes coalition will maintain cleanup as a
40 priority.

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42 She is concerned about supporting the diversification of LANL missions and does not want
43 elected officials to lobby for a for-profit corporation. She urged that cap and cover not be
44 done because of the impact on indigenous people. She stated that tribes had lost access to
45 sacred sites. She noted that she and her family gather plants seasonally and hunt for game
46 in areas affected. She is concerned about how above ground waste affects her family from
47 Area G. She would like the coalition to focus solely on cleanup and nothing else. She said
48 that the RCLC's efforts concerning economic development had not had any benefit.

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50 LANL location was chosen for secrecy not safety. She noted seismic concerns and

1 groundwater contamination. She said pueblo people rely on the water where these aquifers
2 are located. Stated concerns over cancer in her community. She respects the work that the
3 coalition does. Spoke on behalf of her family and the pueblo community. She noted a
4 spiritual and emotional damage created by nuclear waste.

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6 **Commenter #3:** Greenwater Time Reporter stated that the nuclear issue is extremely
7 important. She disagrees with the removal of the phrase cap and cover and feels it is an
8 important term. She is concerned over damage to pueblo peoples. Has lived in this
9 community for 40 years and wants the Coalition to consider environmental issues. She
10 wants the land returned to the pristine state it was in 75 years ago.

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12 **Commenter #4:** Thanked the coalition for passing the resolution related to the
13 environment. Thanked Beata for bringing humanity to the room. She wants the presentation
14 requested by Mayor Lucero to happen. She is against cap and cover and disagrees with the
15 removal of this language. She noted a conflict of interest of Fran Berting and Darien Cabral,
16 as they have a vested interest in the work of the Labs. She commented on previous meeting
17 minutes and corrections that are needed.

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19 **Commenter #4:** from Taos, recommended a book called Full Body Burden that deals with
20 environmental damage referenced in the book. She gave a quick summary of the book and
21 tied it into RCLC being similar to the organization at Rocky Flats. She spoke about global
22 warming and having the courage to speak out about cap and cover. She urged them to take a
23 more courageous stance. Other comments were inaudible.

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25 **Commenter #5:** from Taos: she indicated that she sent in corrections to the minutes.
26 Nuclear weapons should not be a mission of LANL here or anywhere and their mission
27 should be changed. All decisions affect everyone. It is time to think about humanity and the
28 future should be considered. Other comments were inaudible.

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30 Kathy Keith of the RDC addressed the audience and noted that the Venture Acceleration
31 Fund (VAF) is a seed fund for new businesses in our region. The fund began in 2008, with
32 two business applying. Last year 41 applications were received. Applications are due march
33 21st, a business can apply for \$100k in seed money to start a business. They hope to have a
34 great class this year and would be happy to work with anyone.

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36 Councilor Andrew Gonzales thanked the public for their comments. He read a quote from
37 the book Full Body Burden. Noted that no one on the coalition is a scientist and there is a
38 need for more information and more studies. He stated that the public is well-versed in
39 these issues and that the coalition is in a place to act on the greater good of the community.
40 He thinks the government is trying to do what is right because our weapons have never
41 been used against American citizens. The coalition is trying to do what is right for the state
42 and for future generations. Thanked the public for attending and engaging in the process.

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44 A public commenter from Santa Clara Pueblo talked about a memorial and then branched
45 off to the Trinity Test Site and the cancer rates in that community.

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47 Mayor Coss stated it has been an honor to serve on this committee. He learned how
48 important LANL is and the very important mission of the coalition and that it has made a
49 difference. He indicated that it is important to continue local and tribal relationships. In
50 growing up in Santa Fe he testified that northern New Mexican's are as patriotic as anyone

1 in this country. Has talked to people with illness and cancer and has also seen people
2 become middle class and become educated as a result of LANL. There is a considerable
3 amount to learn from local groups that come to the meetings.
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5 He noted the importance of LANL contractors and of continuing education and economic
6 development opportunities. He believes LANL is critical to our national security and that we
7 are the top scientific county, but should not produce or consider the use of nuclear
8 weapons. He quoted Eisenhower's concern over the military industrial complex.
9 Communities in NM have been here for more than 1,000 years and we need to create a
10 future in science, education, and economical development, but not in nuclear weapons.
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12 This coalition needs to take a position on behalf of Northern NM for a future that does not
13 include nuclear weapons. The coalition has a lot of work to do and needs to remain open to
14 the messages from constituents.
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16 Mayor Coss adjourned the meeting at 11:45 A.M.
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21 **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:45 A.M**
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24 Darien Cabral
25 Director
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27 **ATTEST:**
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31 Chairperson