



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- Pueblo of Ohkay
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Draft Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2012, 9:30—12:30 PM

Los Alamos Research Park, 2nd Floor Meeting Room
4200 West Jemez Road – Los Alamos, NM

1. Welcome & Introductions

Chairman David Coss welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:40 am.

2. Confirmation of Quorum

The Regional Coalition Board did not have a quorum at the start of the meeting so approval of the agenda and approval of the September 2012 Meeting Minutes was postponed until a quorum was present.

3. Report of the Chairman

- WIPP Tour Update: Chairman Coss thanked Harry Burgess, WIPP staff, NNSA Staff, the Carlsbad Mayor and the Carlsbad community for an excellent tour and overall positive experience in Carlsbad. He said that WIPP and LANL link the communities of the north and south. He said that as the Coalition lobbies for cleanup funding, we could see how it benefits many places, including Carlsbad and Eddy County.
- Commissioner Mayfield said he hopes to increase collaboration between the two DOE facilities and commented on WIPP's safety and strategic transportation methods.
- Both Chairman Coss and Commissioner Mayfield expressed that others should take a public tour coordinated by WIPP.
- City of Santa Fe, State of the City Address: Chairman Coss noted that he had mentioned the work of the Regional Coalition in the City of Santa Fe's State of the City address this year.

- Chambers of Commerce Thank You and Outreach: Chairman Coss thanked the Regional Chambers of Commerce for their work in conjunction with the Regional Coalition and the critical role they have been playing in the outreach to members of the Congressional Delegation. He also thanked the Los Alamos Chamber for hosting the breakfast prior to the Board Meeting.
- Community Voices: Chairman Coss said that he included a “Community Voices” portion to the Board meeting because he wanted to make sure that the Coalition heard from as many different members of the community as possible. He welcomed all of the “Community Voices” presenters to the meeting.
- Board Member Recognition: Chairman Coss directed Executive Director Sapien and Deputy Director Armstrong to recognize outgoing Regional Coalition Board Members Sharon Stover and Andrew Chavez. They were thanked for their service to the Coalition with a “Certificate of Appreciation.” Director Sapien thanked them for being instrumental in the initial success of the coalition and their outstanding commitment and dedication to the work of the Coalition.

4. Report of Board Members

Councilor Wurzburger reported that economic development was her number one priority and saw her role on the Regional Coalition Board as an opportunity to work in support of job creation and retention in connection with LANL.

5. Report of the Executive Director, DeAnza Sapien and Yasine Armstrong

- **WIPP Tour:** Director Sapien provided an overview of the Regional Coalition’s press coverage from the WIPP tour.
- **Appointment of Board Alternates:** Director Sapien requested that all Board members submit their Board Alternate forms which had been included in the November Board Meeting Packet. Commissioner Mayfield requested to return his in January 2013 after the Santa Fe County Commission designated their new committees and assignments.
- **Update on Pueblo Membership:** Director Sapien mentioned that San Idelfonso Governor Aguilar has expressed on-going interest in working with the Coalition and Deputy Director Armstrong reported upcoming meetings with officials from the Eight Northern Indian Pueblo Council.
- **New Regional Coalition Website:** The Executive office reported that the new website would go “live” after the November Board meeting. A sample of the website’s content was included in the Board meeting packet. The website will also offer an opportunity for the public to sign up for community e-list and will include draft meeting minutes and documents for the Board. The website address is www.regionalcoalition.org

- **USDA Grant Funding Opportunities:** Director Sapien noted an on-going dialogue with Terry Brunner of USDA in hopes to work on a possible Regional Coalition/USDA Rural Economic Development grant to obtain funding to create jobs related to environmental cleanup. The USDA provides \$50,000 grants that could potentially be used as start-up funding for an environmental jobs workforce program in Northern New Mexico.
- **D & O Insurance Update:** Deputy Director Armstrong reported that the Executive Office was exploring the need for Directors and Officers (D&O) liability insurance for the Board and it was their recommendation that the Coalition obtain its own individual insurance policy. Chairman Coss specified that all Board members were covered as individuals by their municipalities/governments. Commissioner Mayfield inquired about the insurance coverage for the RCLC Executive Office and Director Sapien explained that she and Co-Director Armstrong were covered through a business policy as required by their contract with the Regional Coalition.
- **Finance and Funding Update:** Director Sapien referenced the YTD financials included in the Board Meeting packet. Sapien noted that it did not include any of the DOE funding. She noted that the DOE funding will be drawn down on a reimbursable basis and that the Regional Coalition will have to enter into an MOU with the New Mexico Environment Department in order to access the funds. Commissioner Mayfield requested that the Regional Coalition's income sources be included in future financial reports. Brian Bosshart of Los Alamos County, who produced the financial report, noted that they would include income sources in their next report.
- **Upcoming Meetings:** Director Sapien requested direction from the Board regarding upcoming meetings. Before taking action on setting future meeting dates Sapien noted that there needed to be a confirmation of quorum as well as approval of the agenda and September meeting minutes.

6. Confirmation of Quorum

Mayor Coss called the roll and concluded there was a quorum. The following RCLC Board Members were in attendance: Commissioner Danny Mayfield, Mayor Alice Lucero, Councilor Fran Berting, Councilor Rebecca Wurzbürger, Mayor David Coss, and Taos County Manager Stephen Archuleta.

7. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Coss moved to approve the draft meeting agenda with changes that allow for Kurt Steinhaus and Seth Kirshenberg to be moved up on the agenda and noted that the LANL Environmental Program Direction Update had been postponed until the next meeting. Vice-Chair Lucero seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Upcoming Meetings

Vice Chair Lucero made a motion to forgo the December Board Business meeting and meet in January at a Pueblo location. Mayor Coss seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Reviewing the Elections and Planning for 2013- Seth Kirshenberg, E.D., Energy Communities Alliance

Please see link for complete presentation. For a hard copy of the presentation please contact the Executive Office of the Regional Coalition.

Seth urged the Regional Coalition Board to visit DC but recommended that they wait until the President's FY 2014 budget is presented. He said that would give the Board time to formulate their specific goals. He noted that ECA will probably host an ECA meeting in March/April and that the Board should think about coordinating their DC visit around that time.

Chairman Coss thanked Seth for his presentation and for his help in making the Coalition's 2012 trip to Washington, D.C. a success. Director Sapien also thanked Seth for ECA's support in funding the Coalition's trip to WIPP/Carlsbad. She also asked him to elaborate on the upcoming ECA Meeting in New Orleans. Seth noted that the December ECA meeting was a great opportunity to meet and to talk with top-level DOE officials as well as meet with other state; local and tribal governments that work with DOE related facilities across the country.

10. Update on LANS Community Commitment Plan- Kurt Steinhaus, Director, LANL Community Programs Office

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Kurt thanked the Regional Coalition for their letters in support of the Community Commitment Plan. He stated that the LANS Community Commitment Plan was approved for approximately \$3 million and intends to continue to support regional economic development and education initiatives. He discussed the return on investment study that the Community Programs office compiled to assess the economic impact their programs have had on the region. He said that next year is LANL's 70th birthday and in honor of that, they will be giving out 70 college scholarships. Those scholarships are targeted at students from the pueblos and students majoring in business and human resources. Kurt provided his contact information and stated that anyone was welcome to call him with questions or comments regarding the Community Programs Office.

11. NM Congressional Delegation Staff Update

Rebecca Montoya, Office of US Senator Jeff Bingaman noted that this would be her last Coalition meeting on behalf of retiring US Senator Jeff Bingaman. She thanked

the members for allowing her to be the senator's eyes and ears in the region and noted that she is completing 20 years of service in the delegation staff. She wished everyone continued success and commended the entire coalition for their progress, including community members and the administration of Director Sapien and Deputy Director Armstrong.

12. Community Voices

Ray Baca, ED, NM Building and Construction Trades Council: Construction Workforce Future

Ray represents the Construction Trade Council and that his organization serves to give workers a voice in their workplace. His organization is concerned with the evolution of the construction workforce. For example, new jobs are being created in smart grids, biofuels, new infrastructure and aging infrastructure. He added that they have quite a legislative agenda that is focused on worker protection in safety and wages.

Ray noted that they have decades old relationship with the lab and have a membership of over 700 workers. They recently signed a series of contracts with the labs that extend through 2017. He also noted that he has asked the Regional Coalition and community members to stress to the New Mexico Congressional leadership that the jobs created at the labs support local families. He also mentioned the apprenticeship program that his organization supports. Mayor Coss asked if the apprenticeship program was part of their contract with the labs and he responded that approximately 60 of the LANL workers are apprentices. In response to how his organization was handling the Lab funding downturn, he said that because of strong collective bargaining agreements, the Lab has been very consistent in keeping a high number of construction jobs.

Nuclear Watch New Mexico: Environmental Cleanup and Jobs

Jay Coghlan, Executive Director

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The Rev. Holly Beaumont, Interfaith Worker Justice: Clean-up at LANL: Restorative Jobs for Northern New Mexico

The Rev. Beaumont noted that Interfaith Worker Justice was concerned with more than just wage theft. She said they believe that all workers should receive equal protection and rights. She noted a historical biblical discussion of the commandments that guarantees workers at least one day of the week off. She said it's important to discuss benefits for all workers and appreciates the work that the unions do on behalf of their workers. She said that corporate profit margins are at an all time high and Bechtel is among these. She said that UNM did a study

that found that the lab generated a lot of revenue for the economy but despite this, New Mexico currently leads the nation in job losses. She said that as it relates to poverty, the relationship of the increase in corporate profits leads to a direct loss of jobs. She said her organization encourages the full clean up at LANL and believed in training workers at New Mexico Schools of Higher Education. She said they are concerned about Bechtel's history of cleanup and ask if there should be another supervisor for cleanup at the labs.

William Enloe, Chairman, Los Alamos National Bank and Kevin Holsapple, Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce: Update on Regional Business Environment

William Enloe stated that the construction industry in Santa Fe has been decimated and that high-end housing is off 40-50%. He had previously seen an addition of about 800 rooms in casino hotels, as a result of tourism and because of the movie industry. However, he said that growth has evaporated due to the recession. He also noted that he's seen pressure increasing in the service industry and seen a decrease in the number of subcontractors engaged in all three Northern New Mexico communities: Española, Los Alamos, and Santa Fe. He mentioned that regional banks are in a tough place because lending for real estate is more becoming difficult and there's also an increase in regulations.

Kevin Holsapple, the Executive Director of the Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce, shared a survey of 40-50 LANL subcontractors that indicated that the subcontractors strongly support the Coalition's push for funding for environmental cleanup and stewardship.

Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety: Individual Storm water Permit for LANL & need for clean up in the Los Alamos and Pueblo Canyons - Joni Arends, Executive Director, Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety

Joni noted that CCNS was formed in 1998 in conjunction with the beginning of the discussion of WIPP and how it related to the cleanup in LANL's Area G. They are concerned with hazardous waste permits and individual storm water permits that are regulated by the EPA. She shared a brochure from the Communities for Clean Water that discusses sites of water quality concern including canyons, water flow, and the Buckman Direct Diversion Project. She said that the storm water flows back to the river during and after rain and storms and that the EPA has identified 60 high impact sites that need to be cleaned up by next year. She said that these sites are all impaired for one or more water quality standards. She noted that the Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety have two public meetings every year and invited members to attend. The next meeting was scheduled for Dec. 13, 2012 at 5 pm in Fuller Lodge in Los Alamos.

Chip J. Chippeaux, Chairman, Century Bank, Santa Fe

Chip stated that the banking industry was a \$5 billion dollar business and said that his bank has 165 employees. He said that he recently attended a presentation by the Federal Reserve and the presentation directly related to how we address local jobs, our relationship to government funding, and the austerity of the fiscal cliff. The report showed that given New Mexico's dependence on federal funding, we could fall into a deeper recession in addition to simply lagging behind economically. He said that he thought that there is a real risk of very significant federal cutbacks and increased exposure for more risk to the local economy. He said it was important for us to figure out how to protect the funding for WIPP and for our National Laboratories. In addition, he said we need to figure out ways to grow the cultural economy and advance the work that Councilor Wurzburger has been doing in the City of Santa Fe.

Tewa Women United: Environmental & Reproductive Justice - Intersections & the Rights of Indigenous Peoples - Beata Tsosie-Pena, Environmental Health and Social Justice Program Coordinator

Ms. Tsosie-Pena began with a blessing and later a story about how corn represents the connection of genetic memory that we all share and how it represents our indigenous roots. She stated that she was from Española and works with an environmental, health, and social justice program called "Tewa Women United." The organization seeks to end violence and injustice for women and girls and to work for and create positive change for all communities. She began the work with the organization after moving back to her community while walking through a canyon and upon hearing explosions. She began working to become educated on environmental issues and become involved with their land based knowledge and teaching. She noted we were sitting on the Jemez plateau and that they are spiritually rooted as indigenous people and cited the universal declaration of human rights. She wanted to raise awareness of how violence that can happen in our communities can be related and likened to the health of the people and of the environment. She is expecting a child in one month and has become aware of the 'reference man': a 150lb. white man mannequin used as a standard example of a human for nuclear testing. She said she questions the safety standards for workers, women, children, and the elderly. She said that it is an outdated model: to focus on one body type and gender as it relates to potentially harmful nuclear chemicals effects. She encourages a continuation of a grant that her community receives that funds research on how to protect those who are the most vulnerable.

13. Budget Approval

Director Sapien sought approval for a draft-operating budget for 2012-2013 that was based on the previously presented \$200,000 budget from former contractor David Abelson, the MVM Group's Executive Services Contract and the new DOE funding. She noted that this proposed budget would allow for some carryover of

funds into next year. Sapien also noted that the budget would allow for the Coalition to hire an attorney specific to the Regional Coalition and not a member government. Chairman Coss moved to adopt a state fiscal year calendar (July-June) and the proposed budget. Co-Chair Lucero seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

14. Out of State Staff Travel Approval, ECA Inter-Governmental Meeting

Director Sapien sought Board approval for to allow Coalition staff to travel out of state for the upcoming ECA Meeting in New Orleans and to cover all registration fees and all travel costs. She also sought to have any interested Coalition Board Members that would like to attend the meeting also be approved. Sapien noted that ECA would cover the cost of one member of the Regional Coalition Board to attend the meeting and that representatives from Los Alamos County were already planning to attend.

Commissioner Danny Mayfield nominated Chairman Coss to be the ECA designee for that travel and for the approval of one staff member to travel to the ECA meeting in New Orleans in December 2012. Fran Berting seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

15. Approval of Minutes: September 2012

Stephen Archuleta moved to approve the draft meeting minutes. Councilor Berting had editorial and formatting suggestions on the meeting minutes that she agreed to provide to the Executive Office. Vice-Chair Lucero noted that if they did not affect the content, the Board could approve the minutes with the understanding that they would need editorial and formatting changes. Commissioner Mayfield seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

16. NM Congressional Delegation Staff Update, Michele Jacquez Ortiz, Office of US Senator Tom Udall

Michele Jacquez Ortiz invited the Coalition Board members and staff to participate in a conference call with Senator Udall's Washington based Legislative Assistant to provide an overview of the current DOD authorization bill and amendments. A conference call time was set for the following Tuesday at 10:00am MST.

17. Public Comment

Joni Arends, Executive Director Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety raised the issue of the City of Santa Fe's request to NMED and their granting of extensions. She noted that there was not a satisfactory understanding of the Coalition's role in this. She noted that CCNS is present at every meeting w/DOE and NNSA and they are very concerned about water quality and they ask the coalition to ask LANL and NNSA/DOE again about the status of water quality.

18. Adjourn

Chairman Coss adjourned the meeting at 12:35 pm.