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 Owingeh – Pueblo of Jemez

REGIONAL COALITION MEETING AGENDA
Española City Chambers
405 N. Paseo de Oñate, Española, NM 87532
April 10, 2015
9:00a-11:00a

A. Call to Order – Mayor Lucero – 9:00a-

Attendance: Chair, Mayor Alice Lucero, City of Espanola; Vice Chair, Councilor Andrew Gonzales, Town of Taos; Secretary/Treasurer Javier Gonzales, Mayor of Santa Fe; Commissioner Henry Roybal, Santa Fe County; County Councilor Rick Reiss in place for Steve Girrens, Los Alamos County Council; Commissioner Mark Gallegos, Taos County; Governor Earl Salazar, Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh; and Governor Raymond Loretto, Pueblo of Jemez (5 minutes late); Rio Arriba County Commissioner Barney Trujillo

B. Confirmation of Quorum - Mayor Lucero – Confirmed.

C. Approval of Agenda – Mayor Lucero – all approved.

Motion: To approve the agenda

Moved by Mayor Javier Gonzales, Seconded by Councilor Andrew Gonzales

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

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes - 9:15a (Tab A – In board packet) – Approved.

Motion: To approve the minutes.

Moved by Councilor Gonzales, Seconded by Commissioner Roybal

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

E. Discussion/Action Items (1.5 hours) 9:15 – 10:30a

A. NM Congressional Delegation Updates (5 mins) 9:15-9:20a (Tab B – In Board packet)

Updates since the last meeting, Senator Udall has been appointed to the Senate Appropriations committee subcommittee on defense. That is a big appointment for NM. In NM that subcommittee has jurisdiction over the three Air Force bases, WSMR, and Ft. Bliss. These all play a vital role in NM. Senator Udall also assumed a lead role as ranking member on the Appropriations committee subcommittee on interior environment and related agencies. His staff has met with local representatives in Northern NM. In addition he returned to the Senate
Mr. Maggiore will provide a brief update on the Legacy cleanup work, the new office and how the work will be transitioned. There has been a lot of activity lately with the release of reports. I will begin with the direction that was given by the DOE secretary. The Secretary indicated specialized contractor would be beneficial. The cleanup programs across the sites would be more cohesive. All employees have been transitioned to the new office and several new positions have been created. A workforce analysis is being completed to determine what additional Federal positions will be needed.

There will be a bridge contract with LANS so the Legacy work can be completed. The government intends to execute this contract as soon as possible, for a term of 18-24 months. There is a lot of coordination required. Those agreements are being finalized.

There is a lot of interest in the contracting community of solicitations that will be issued in the future; the government also want the structure to be developed.

Mayor Javier Gonzales: Question on developing a list of all the projects that are being worked on and what the status is. Maggiore indicated the cost and duration of the project is still in question. The cleanup budget is appropriated by Congress at about $189 million. It is the responsibility of LANL and the State of NM. The scope of work is then negotiated with the State. We could commit to meeting with the Coalition on an annual basis. If the Coalition wants certain priorities they can put that in writing. We have ongoing financial responsibilities, we fund the NM Environment Department DOE oversight on an annual basis.

Mayor Javier Gonzales indicated that there is concern about the backlog of waste. It would be important over a 5, 10, 15 year period that were the greatest risk to the community exists that should be the priority. Maggiore said there is some flexibility, but it is governed by the consent order. The current consent order terminates in December of this year. They are not going to be able to meet all components of the consent order. Hopefully a new consent order will be developed with a strong risk prioritization component.

Mayor Javier Gonzales worries about the year after year negotiation of how the money is going to be spent. Hopefully we can have a calendar before those negotiations happen.

Councilor Andrew Gonzales referred to the off the top money and inquired what that amount was. He is concerned about funding other commitments. He wants to see the full amount of the money for cleanup. Maggiore said he has the information on how much money that is. Gonzales wants an update about water and said there has not been an update in quite a while. Maggiore said he will work with the ED and get her that information.
Carol Rutten thanked everyone for allowing her to share with the Coalition. The director of LANL community programs is now open and there is also a tribal liaison position that is open. There are 5 new members and the rest exist. The three primary areas are education, community development and work with the non-profits. Everything we do in our office is about partnerships by building capacity and have had great success. She indicated that she has a PowerPoint presentation. We build math, science and education for the regional workforce for the future. Everything they do is data informed and geared towards STEM. When we improve our math skills in our youth it really expands their future career opportunities. There are many different programs that LANL either coordinates or sponsors with other organizations. They want to excite students about science. We affected over 4,000 students and 341 teachers last year. The Robo Race Rally is a Rio Arriba County project that has grown and is a great example. The math and science academy works directly with teachers in the community and helps them teach math better. There has been much progress in the Native American population. There are over 60 programs that LANL is involved in.

Another part of helping is LANL taking a leadership role, we have started a statewide collaboration with major industry leaders. Intel, Sandia, Air Force leaders, etc. are going to put their time and energy to enable youth to attend math and science related groups.

We also partnership with small business and have been able to help 735 jobs. We are on the right track with this area. A number of businesses have been supported by the venture acceleration fund. FLUTE is one of the companies that are a success. It is all about the partnerships.

It is important to work with the non-profits and we want to give back to the communities where LANL employees live. It helps boost employee morale. It encourages leadership and 100% of the division leaders supported the campaign. 71% pledged to the campaign at the amount of $122k. A 17.5% was recorded for employees. $2.17 million dollars was pledged at the end of the day. United Way was a major recipient of these funds. A volunteer program allows employees and LANL retirees giving their time to various non-profits.

The LANL scholarship fund had another record breaking year at over $327k pledged last year. 73 students are receiving over $400k in scholarships from this program. New scholarships will be identified soon.

We also do a variety of different drives, where employees want to help. There is an annual school supply and shoe drive. These are delivered to various parts of the community. Employees give money, so that Payless and The Shoe Depot can help students with new shoes for school. We do a food drive every year and we provided over 37k in meals. Finally, we do a holiday gift drive. It is important that kids and seniors have gifts for the holidays.

When we look at what we are doing for 2015, we have been given $2.5 million to do work in the different areas. Our partnerships continue to be strong. We want to continue to attract and retain the vital talent we have. We want to continue to identify new partnerships in our community.
Please refer to the presentation slides for greater detail on the various programs that LANL is involved in.

Mayor Gonzales said this is really good work for our community. He asked how the $2.5 million is generated. Rutten indicated that this comes from the LANS partnership. Last year is was $3 million and that has what it is historically. The WIPP situation affected the funding this year. Gonzales asked about outcomes and how are the indicators developed. Rutten indicated that everything they do is data driven. Part of the responsibility is that they position their partners for success, so that they meet their metrics or work on fixing issues. They evaluate each contract and also hire an independent evaluators to determine if the money is getting a return.

Councilor Gonzales is still confused about the source of money. The funding is paid for out of the annual fee. Last year they only earned $6 million, when they normally earn $40-60 million. It was decided that this program was important, so it still funded, but at a reduced amount. It is never a given that this funding will happen every year. The federal government does not mandate it.

Gonzales wants to get this funding set in stone and said the money is at risk every year. Rutten indicated that the programs have been successful since 2006. Now the sustainability model comes into play. There are some great models for sustainability for building within each community. We are on our way and totally committed to it.

Councilor Gonzales: How can we make this a mandated dollar amount each year?

Mayor Lucero (inaudible)....unfortunately funding was cut down. It would be nice to see that funding go back to a higher level next year. The programs that are being supported are excellent, but we have so many needs. $3 million does seem a bit insignificant.

Governor Loretto’s pueblo has directly benefited from this program. Talked about how Los Alamos County is one of the richest. He believes it is important to encourage education. The math and science programs are great, but getting these kids to college is going to take more funding. I think the picture is good, but it needs improvement.

Commissioner Trujillo mentioned the collaboration is great, especially since the economic development director has come onboard. I do feel that there needs to be more funding, but he is proud of the work that has been done over the past few years. He asked that Rutten come to one of their commission meetings to explain the successes.

Rutten indicated there will be a going away invitation going out for Kurt’s party. All Coalition members will be invited.

D. Report from the Executive Director (2 mins) –

Andrea Romero said this is her first time reporting. Three items to update: 1) there is a draft grant to DOE in process for FY16. This is due by the end of Aril. 2) Working with Mayor Lucero on updating meeting procedure, with a pilot project for public comment. 3) There is a trip to South Carolina regarding discussion on nuclear priorities at a national level. The peer exchange will address the role of local government.

Mayor Lucero indicated they can send two representatives on the trip.
E. Action - Review/Approve of Documents (10 mins) 10:20a-10:30a
   a. Review/Approve Board Dues Plan (5 mins)
      i. Board approved invoicing each community at least $3500 per member community, but it is up to the community if they would like to offer more to the Coalition. At this point no one has paid the 2015 dues. Brian Bosshart said it was historically $10k with Santa Fe and Espanola and $3,500 with Taos. One commissioner thinks that at least paying $3,500 makes sure that board members attend.

Motion that each member pay a minimum of $3,500 for FY15. Moved by Mayor Javier Gonzales
Seconded by Councilor Gonzales

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

b. Review/Approve 2015 Regional Coalition of LANL Communities Work Plan (5 mins) (Tab E – In Board packet)

   Mayor Lucero indicated that the strategic plan was discussed at the last meeting. Andrea Romero indicated there short and long-term goals. Based on priorities with LANL the long-term goals are identified. They want to continuously review the priorities since it is a living document. Mayor Lucero thinks everything that was discussed is added. Commissioner suggested that if individuals want to modify or add, they notify the ED.

Moved by ?, Seconded by ?

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

1. Review of Financials (3 mins) 10:30-10:35a (Tab F – In Board packet)

   No changes from two months ago. Mayor Lucero indicated the grant from DOE is in the amount of $100k, and could be approved in August.

F. Meetings at a Glance (5 mins) 10:35a-10:40a (Tab G – In Board packet)
   a. Meeting on June 12th moved from Jemez Pueblo to Rio Arriba. July 10th meeting to be held in Jemez Pueblo.

G. Public Comment (20 mins) 10:40a-11:00a

Andrea Romero indicated that there is a three minute limit.

-Economist, from Taos, we are one of the communities that do not benefit from economic development. He submitted some material about allowing LANL to get 30 minutes to keep Los Alamos wealthy and other communities poor. You get paid to do marketing rather than analysis. Three points about information that was not accurate. He challenges them to give the same amount of time that was given to LANL so he can disprove what LANL community programs produce.

-Resident of Taos, thanked the board for being able to participate in the strategic planning session. She appreciated the details of the minutes. She encouraged revisiting the conflict of interest section. She wanted to commend Councilor Gonzales from Taos. The JPA has a motion to revisit in 6-months
and they want to be sure it is addressed at that time. Citizens have a responsibility to make sure tax dollars are being spend in a proper manner.

-Resident of Taos, LANL is a dinosaur and one way or another is slated for extinction. The trickle down economy is not working. If the rich get enough money we are hoping that some trickles down to us. She resents that they are be extorted to pay even more money to belong to this organization. Please be aware that you are representing the citizens not LANL. At the very least try to influence that the U.S. government to cancel the LANL contract, there is no way to put nuclear waste.

-Resident of Taos, submitted a statement for the minutes. Please refer to the statement for exact comments.

H. Adjournment – 11:00a

ATTEST:

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Mayor Alice Lucero, Chair

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Andrea Romero, Executive Director