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REGIONAL COALITION MEETING PACKET
City of Santa Fe Chambers
200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NM
January 16, 2015

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11:00 Adjourn: Closed Session to Consider Limited Personnel Matter(s) - Review of Executive Director Candidates (Session Closed Pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1 (H) (2))
Presenters:

Ryan Flynn - is Secretary of the State Environmental Department. He is a graduate of Harvard University where he majored in English and American Literature. He received his law degree from the University of Arizona. Following law school, Flynn clerked for the Honorable Stephen M. McNamee in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona. Prior to becoming Cabinet Secretary, Flynn served as the Environment Department’s General Counsel and Legislative Coordinator. Before joining the Environment Department, Flynn worked for the Modrall Sperling law firm. At Modrall Sperling, he worked in the firm's Commercial Litigation and Renewable Energy practice groups.

Liddie Martinez – is Director, CED Division/Government Relations, SOC Los Alamos. Martinez has spent her career developing businesses and programs that support Northern New Mexico communities. A native of Española, Liddie has focused her efforts to create new jobs and educational opportunities to positively impact the lives of the citizens residing in the extended Española Valley. She implemented the Day & Zimmermann Telecommunication Training initiative, which has trained and certified 100 local citizens with Builder 1 status in the telecommunications field. Liddie spearheaded a comprehensive scholarship program providing $100,000 for local high school students. As Director of the Community & Economic Development Division of SOC Los Alamos (a Day & Zimmerman company previously known as PTLA), she is also responsible for supporting the LANL Foundation and oversight of the $190,000 total contribution to Foundation funding and scholarship programs.

About the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities:
The Regional Coalition is comprised of nine cities and counties surrounding the Department of Energy's Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). Founded in 2011, the Regional Coalition works in partnership to ensure national decisions incorporate local needs and concerns. The organization's focus is environmental remediation, regional economic development and site employment, and adequate funding for LANL. The Board of Directors includes Chair, Mayor Alice Lucero, City of Española; Vice-Chair, Councilor Andrew Gonzales, Town of Taos; Sect./Treas. Mayor Javier Gonzales, City of Santa Fe; County Councilor Steve Girrens, Los Alamos County Council; Commissioner to be named, Rio Arriba County; Commissioner to be named, Taos County; Ron Lovato, Director of Tsay Corporation, Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh; and Governor Raymond Loretto, DVM, of Jemez Pueblo.

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Taos County Chambers
Friday, November 21, 2014

Attendance
Alice Lucero (Chair RCLC); Los Alamos County Councilor Fran Berting; Town of Taos Councilor
Andrew Gonzales (Vice Chair RCLC), City of Santa Fe Economic Development Fabian Trujillo; Los
Alamos County Councilor Steve Girrens; Joshua Madalena, Pueblo of Jemez.

JLH Media team members

Welcome and Introductions
Mayor Lucero called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m. The public in attendance introduced
themselves. All the attending coalition members introduced themselves along with JLH Staff.

Confirmation of Quorum
Mayor Lucero thanked everyone for attending and confirmed the quorum.

Approval of Minutes
Motion: To approve the minutes as submitted.
Moved by Andrew Gonzales and Seconded by Fran Berting.

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

Financial Information
Presented by Brian Bosshardt, Los Alamos County, the fiscal agent for RCLC. The only change this
month is the monthly payment for executive director services.

Congressional Delegations
Report from Congressman Ben Ray Lujan’s Office
Patrick Duran of Congressman Ben Ray Lujan’s office reported that Mr. Lujan was re-elected to
office. He will have much more of a leadership role in Washington DC. This is an opportunity for
him and the state. He spoke about the December session and the possible passing of an
omnibus bill. It is possible that there could be a government shutdown.

Mayor Lucero offered congratulations to the congressman for his new leadership role.

**Report from Senator Udall’s Office**
Darien Cabral read a statement from Michele Jaquez-Ortiz of Senator Udall’s office. $102 million for WIPP cleanup was included in the senate appropriations bill.

**Statement regarding WIPP**
Mayor Lucero has a statement regarding WIPP on behalf of the coalition.

There was recently an article in the Santa Fe New Mexican and that is what prompted me to make this statement. Since the discovery of the damaged barrel at the facility, representatives from LANL, NSA, DOE (including Secretary Moniz) and the DOE office of environmental management have made presentations to the Coalition. Also, officials from Carlsbad have presented updates and kept the Regional Coalition informed on a continuing basis. We have been monitoring the situation very closely and have met involved parties on various occasions. Serious mistakes were made in packaging the waste that was transported to WIPP. Since the accident, DOE and LANL have been forthcoming and transparent in addressing our concerns and responding to our questions. Constant communication between DOE, NM Environment Department, LANL and the Coalition is vitally important. We are confident that this open dialogue will continue on a regular basis.

Additionally, as Mayor of the City of Espanola, I have been working on a letter to the editor in response to the article. I will send it to members of the board as soon as I finalize it, in case you want to join me in signing this letter. It is important that we stand behind LANL in these trying times. LANL will take meaningful corrective action and eventually they will get it right. This will restore the public confidence. LANL should not be in this alone and the other national labs need to learn from this experience. They are not exempt from making mistakes. This could have happened at any of the laboratories.

Last week we were in New Orleans at an intergovernmental meeting with DOE. Energy Secretary Flynn was one of the speakers and stood in support of LANL. He urged the DOE to help remedy the situation and not take funds from cleanup. He indicated this is a national problem, not just a LANL problem.

**Presentation from DOE Environmental Management**
Peter Maggiore thanked the delegation and the public. The majority of his work over the past few months has been focused on the Secretary of Energy’s directive to transition the LANL cleanup from the National Nuclear Security Administration to the Office of Environmental Management. With regard to the article in the New Mexican, the DOE oversight is to enable the lab to successfully execute the NNSA mission and environmental cleanup mission.

The environmental cleanup mission is an incredibly important part of the overall laboratory mission. Maggiore refers to the Secretary’s memo from Sept. 26, 2014, directing the transition of the environmental clean-up plan. He has read the plan and understands it. He is prepared to make decisions based on the plan. He received input from the Coalition, congressional delegation, Los Alamos County, and many others. He has read and understood the input.
I can’t say how it is going to be considered. I can’t say what the outcome will be, but I did want to let you know that the respective voices have been heard.

I would welcome an opportunity in the future, once this process moves forward, to brief this Coalition. I will be as transparent as possible about these plans; it is not going to happen overnight and won’t be the easiest thing we’ve ever done. We will be held accountable and it will be transparent. Unfortunately, the plan as it stands cannot be released to the public because of the sensitive nature of it. I hope that folks can appreciate that. He wants to add to what may have not been in the article.

The assistant secretary David Klaus established a technical assistance team very early on in the process. The DOE team could independently evaluate the scientific data, particularly the chemical analysis the laboratory would perform to make sure that we are looking at analytical data the right way and drawing the correct conclusions.

The accident investigation board is also undergoing an investigation. I was personally interviewed by that board and awaiting the results, as well as a report from the technical assistance team. LANL has undertaken two independent reviews as for the causal analysis of this event. He is not knowledgeable about these, but is confident the information will be included in the reports.

Secretary Flynn sent a letter requesting that the NM Environment Department create an independent review team. That review team will be independent of each of the other five teams mentioned. They are hoping to fund and complete this as quickly as possible. They meet with WIPP every week and have bi-weekly phone calls. They work very closely on waste characterization and compliance with the Environment Department. If there are problems with waste characterization, there will be problems with labeling, packaging, transportation, etc. It takes a while to work through the process; we believe it has been worked through.

In closing, all teams are working very rapidly to complete this transition.

Payment for Washington D.C. Meetings (Kutak Rock)
Brian Bosshardt indicated that each year they take one or two trips to D.C. to meet with various representatives at DOE discussing a lot of the cleanup issues. They also meet with the NM congressional delegation. Every year that we have done that, we have used Kutak Rock to set up all of those individual meetings. To date Los Alamos County has covered that expense in addition to the dues we pay into the Coalition. The expense should be taken on by the Coalition, not Los Alamos County. Mr. Bosshardt asked for approval to work with Kutak Rock to set up the upcoming meetings.

Mayor Lucero indicated this is roughly $5-$10k per trip. Councilor Gonzales wanted more information about this, because it is the first he has heard of it. He makes trips frequently to D.C. and feels it is hard to stomach those costs. He would like to know what that money is for. If they need to set up a meeting with the congressional delegation he can do that on his own.

Bosshardt indicated this is for scheduling and working with the various offices in Washington.

Councilor Berting indicated that Kutak Rock has a lot of connections and have what it takes to
make sure everyone’s schedules work well together. All of the contacts have to be available at appropriate times. It is easy for one person to meet, but when there are multiple people meeting with multiple groups it takes a lot.

**Motion:** To table the Kutak Rock expense until the next meeting.

Moved by Andrew Gonzales and Seconded by Fabian Trujillo.

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

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**Darien Cabral: Executive Director Report, JLH Team**

Mr. Cabral indicated that Secretary Flynn was running behind schedule. There is a jam packed agenda, so he will only hit on the highlights. They will be finishing up the annual report at the end of December. They have managed to help build a level of trust with the constituents. The WIPP incident has shifted the focus a bit, but they want to get back on the original strategy. According to DOE, we are hopefully looking at a re-opening of WIPP by the Spring of 2016.

We have worked on development projects and will be hearing from the City of Santa Fe about a potential broadband build-out in Northern NM. We will also be hearing about a great regional project. Governor Magdalena is on the board now, which is exciting. This is significant, because he will work in getting more Pueblos on board.

The broadband build out plan may be in front of the legislature this January and the Board will have to decide on whether to support it or not.

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**ECA New Orleans Trip report by Andrew Gonzales**

Met with other committees in which labs were situated. Cleanup is a common factor in all of these communities, although Councilor Gonzales still believes the LANL cleanup is severely underfunded. The next trip to DC should include continued efforts to gain more funding. He does support the national labs and cleanup is a top priority. Increased funding is crucial to this process.

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**Accelerate Program/Interim Jobs Council**

Kathy Keith indicated that Carla Rachkowski will provide an update on the Accelerate Program. The state jobs council and what needs to happen in the next 10 years will also be addressed. The Accelerate Program is a workforce development program. That program came about from the Regional Economic Development Initiative or REDI. It is a strategic plan that was provided for by Los Alamos County for the region. In 2010 a strategic plan was identified with four key priorities, including investing in human development/workforce development.

RDC started partnering with local colleges to address the issues that were brought up through the REDI program. The DOE and Office of Environmental Management have funded this program for the first four years of its development. We are currently asking for a 5th year of funding, and have heard mixed messages about what will happen. Any support that we can get is very much appreciated.

Carla Rachkowski is going to brief the board on some numbers related to the program. The Accelerate Program has partnered with six community colleges and colleges in Northern NM...
including; UNM Taos, UNM LA, NNMC, SFCC, UNM Community College in Las Vegas and NM Highlands. They are in year four of five. The goal is to measure persistence, making sure they stay from the fall through the spring, also graduation rate increases for two year programs, and job placement numbers. These are non-traditional students for STEM like degrees and certificates. The numbers are just coming in; typically it takes three years to earn a two-year degree. The numbers are looked at once a year. This past summer we looked at the numbers and we are seeing that Accelerate students in our cohort of about 40 students have seen graduation rates of 39% versus 28% for the general population.

A developmental math program, a career advisor at each school, career readiness classes while in school, and they help with internships. 44% of internships have turned into paid job offers. Increases in graduation and other successes have happened. The developmental math program and robotics program has published a paper in an international journal. Non-traditional students exceeded in this type of program.

Mayor indicated that the Accelerate program is excellent. Councilor Gonzales wanted to offer resolution support of this program; the big push within this country is STEM education. If we are not preparing our kids for the future Northern NM will stay behind. We see what happens in our public school systems and once graduation happens they won’t go any further. The Accelerate program really helps bridge that gap between traditional four-year colleges and the two year degree/technical degree. I know Accelerate does support the four-year, but at the very least we can give them something beyond a high school degree.

Councilor Fran Berting wondered how much the 5th year will cost. She realizes there are several options, but what additional funding is needed. Kathy Keith indicated that they have a proposal in to the DOE for $640,000, which is the same we have been receiving over the past four years. Most of that goes to salary and benefit positions, but the remainder all goes to students.

Governor Madalena said his concern is the participation by Native Americans. Keith indicated about 3% participation by Native Americans. Madalena said that is very small and very concerning. What is being done to encourage more Native Americans to participate?

Advisors at each school go out and recruit, mainly at high schools. It would be wonderful to enhance that and go to some of the tribal areas, but we really haven’t had the funds to do that. Governor Madalena said equal opportunities should be given and wants to start having those discussions, not only in Jemez, but other places in the state.

Councilor Girrens asked about the distribution of the participants at the six or seven colleges. Rachkowski indicated each school has the same number of enrolled students in the program. Each school has an equal number of paid internships. One of the things coming up is a list of best practices, we are all working together to come up with solutions on how to increase graduation rates. We are also dealing with employers and paid internships. Girrens said his point is that there is a lot more going into the sophistication of this program. Rachkowski indicated it is a very complex program. Girrens asked to be provided with a more comprehensive description of the program. He asked about the sustainable living plan, which is a combination of different approaches. Girrens message to the Coalition board is that this is an activity in its 4th year; it is receiving awards, actual recognition and making progress. We need to make a note to consider helping bridge this 5th year. We should figure out what is going on with the budget.
status in February or March. This program is getting traction and it would be a shame for this to trip and fall.

Mayor Lucero directed staff to prepare a letter of support to submit to DOE for the funding for the 5th year and to consider future years. Also, this is something to discuss in Washington D.C. in February with DOE.

Cabral is very happy to hear about the support of this program. He has talked in-depth with Carla about how the Coalition can collaborate. Mayor stated that the sooner the letter of support can be sent the better.

A Coalition board member asked what the cost to RDC for one student to attend was. Carla said that is a very good question. The Coalition member indicated that Kit Carson Electric Co-op and companies like that may be able to help bridge that gap. They employ high numbers of skilled positions like electrical engineers.

Kathy Keith thanked the Coalition for their support. She gave a high level overview of what came out of the Job Council activities this fall. Basically the plan was to figure out how many jobs our counties will have to develop over the next ten years. Our region would need to create 16,000 jobs over the next ten years. We are currently producing about 300 jobs a year, so we need to figure out a way to get to 1,600 a year. The State Jobs Council has approved a legislative agenda for this session; they are seeking about $80 million in additional resources for economic development. This would help pay for infrastructure projects that would help businesses grow and expand. There is a laundry list of proposals; this list will be sent to the Board.

State Environmental Management Oversight at LANL Secretary Flynn
Mayor Lucero thanks Secretary Flynn for his wonderful presentation in New Orleans at ECA.

Flynn thanked everyone for having him present. He wants to update the Coalition on where they are at with the investigation and some of the keys moving forward. As we stand here today, the State is actively investigating what occurred in Los Alamos and WIPP. The container that breached at WIPP came from LANL; we have photographic evidence to establish that. The DOE is nearing a conclusion regarding the events that caused the release. The DOE officials may be able to provide a better timeline of the final accident report. The DOE and the State of NM is also investigating. Our focus is on the areas we have regulatory authority in.

The Federal statute, the resource and recovery act governs the handling and storage of waste. There are a number of issues at LANL. In terms of moving forward, the first item to be addressed is identifying the root cause of the release. The DOE has a number of teams, a multi-laboratory technical assessment team that has scientists working on exactly what caused the reaction and led to the container breach. LANL also has a variety of investigative teams; energetics, remediation and chemical reaction teams.

The State has no reason to doubt the DOE, but at the same time we can’t overlook that they are investigating themselves. We will not simply rely on the DOE’s own conclusions and believe it is critical that there is an independent review. This is critical to establish credibility to the DOE investigation, but also give the public confidence. We have asked the DOE to fund an independent team; they have agreed to do so. We have a professor from NM Tech, Dr. Van
Romero, a subject matter expert who will lead the State team. He will offer his own independent conclusions. We need to know exactly what happened so that we can start implementing solutions, both regulatory and non-regulatory. We support the mission of LANL, it is critical to Northern NM, the US and the world. In order for LANL to be successful it must not have an impact on public health.

One of the most critical issues that Flynn is looking for an answer to is why advice from the LANL waste team, in Carlsbad, regarding the remediation of nitrate salt waste was not followed. Why advice was not followed on how to properly mediate this. We do not have a clear explanation on why there was not clear communication. There was a memo in 2012 that provided direction on how to safely dispose of this type of waste that ended up causing the containers to breach. We can develop meaningful corrective actions.

We need to understand why the Central Characterization Process, the CCP, failed to identify a problem. There are redundancies built into the system and we need to figure out why that did not work. At WIPP, the Mine Safety Council needs to approve certain components. The mine’s safety culture at WIPP was much criticized. There was no real time training on how to use the protective equipment. A lot of people struggled on how to put it on. A training video does no good. Improving the mine safety culture, must be given adequate training so they can get out safely.

There are a lot of communication improvements needed. There was a five-day lapse between when the DOE detected a release of radiation outside WIPP and the notification to the State. The release occurred at 11:14pm on Friday, February 14 and the State was not notified until Wednesday, February 19th about 5pm. That delay is unacceptable and DOE acknowledged that cannot happen again. When notified Flynn immediately went to Governor Martinez’s office and briefed her on the situation and by 11pm that night he was in Carlsbad. He held a press conference the next morning, letting the public know what occurred. We need to know the information, so that we can communicate with the public.

Constructive critiques and improvements will allow the facilities to continue to operate and be successful. The DOE must operate with complete transparency. The need for regulators to improve communication is essential. For a number of years the mine safety inspections had not occurred. Not until after the WIPP accident did we discover that these had not been happening. There are 22 different entities that have some type of regulation at WIPP. We really need to be accountable to the public and each other. How can we improve communication between the different agencies. We would have liked to have known that mine safety inspections were not occurring. We don’t want to be reactive, we want to be proactive. In Carlsbad we want to form a community awareness program and have the regulators meet on a regular basis and present to the public. There must be clear accountability.

The last big item is the funding issue, which is important to local leaders and the Martinez administration. DOE is currently looking at using some of the funds designated for remediation to cover the recovery work at WIPP. DOE’s logic is that LANL broke it, so they will buy it. That is completely unacceptable to the State. Money being diverted from LANL to WIPP is not punishing the people that caused the problems, but the people of NM. Our demand is that money for cleanup work at LANL must be spent at LANL not WIPP. We need to do a better job of
communicating from state-to-state. We compete for a limited pool of funds. We must identify a list of key priorities by state and not work against each other.

Flynn gave an example of the State of Washington trying to block about $25 million in funding for cleanup. Washington has $2 billion in funding, while NM only has about $175 million. It would have had a huge impact on NM and a small impact on Washington. The states should collaborate with each other. Washington was demanding that NM take waste from their site, but also trying to take money from our budget. We have a strong relationship with Idaho and Tennessee.

Councilor Gonzales asked about consent order cleanup mandated by 2015...will there be an extension to 2016? Flynn indicated the DOE wasn't going to meet that deadline. The deadlines were set in 2005. There was no State input, DOE set it themselves. That was a major mistake, because we had not fully investigated the contamination at LANL.

We try to work in stages, the first being the investigation. There are some good reasons on why it won’t be met. At the time we were not aware of the chromium plume. The newly discovered contamination has altered the timeframe. On the fines, we have to come up with a new schedule. The scope of work cannot and will not change. We need to figure out how to do this in a smart and efficient way. The highest priorities of sequencing the work together would make sense. A problem the State suffered from was a lack of focus. It is a huge amount of work and we kept moving around and doing small parts in one area and then moving to a different area. The State kept getting money, but we didn't have a lot to show. I do like the idea of grouping the work together. We have had no discussions with DOE on a revised consent order. We will look at that in the spring, and it will be a very public process.

There will be significant liability from failure to meet the deadline. Fines and payments should not come at the expense of payment to NM. The deputy secretary of the DOE said they should not be fined, because money would be taken away from cleanup. If you can’t fine then why is the NM oversight here? We can hold DOE accountable without hurting NM. We can do that from a legislative prospective.

Councilor Gonzales is extremely encouraged by those comments and supports the State’s position. Second question, once WIPP ramps back up is there a position that the State can impose higher fees? I can’t tell constituents that Washington money takes precedence over NM money. Can the State impose a higher fee?

The Governor has had this conversation and we are with you in leveraging the resources we have and getting more money. Fees are not an option, but there other pressure points that we have on DOE. Political forces in D.C. have more influence than NM, therefore they get a bigger piece of the puzzle. We have WIPP and no other state has that. WIPP is a solution for a lot of other states’ problems. We need to address our needs and cleanup at LANL.

**Broadband Build-Out Model for Northern NM**

Sean Moody with the City of Santa Fe spoke about the counties north of Santa Fe and wanting to find a solution to broadband access. The question has always been: what can the government do to help the broadband situation in this area? In doing research for this I looked at the needs of the community and the resources. What I found is that it is hard to find any...
federal funding on top of Kit Carson funding. The City of Santa Fe is building a first model
solution, which is a common problem. Getting the World Wide Web to this region has been
harder than anyone thought.

It allows the community to have wholesale internet options available now, which were
unavailable in 2009. A potential solution is two tier, one is everyone needs some connection.
This can be accomplished with a build-out by using existing radio towers for smaller users. The
other solution is for hospitals or other potential large workplaces. Wireless connections and
high-speed fiber optic where appropriate will need to be built. Santa Fe hired a telephone
company to build, design and operate the system. It was important because you would buy that
service like you buy telephone service. A line extension might be needed, but that would be very
simple and stable. There are incentives to use this service and the provider would be
compensated for placing radios. The City of Santa Fe has been able to incentivize this because
the provider will make money.

Councilor Gonzales indicated that both applications are practical. With regards to the RCLC, we
want to promote regional economic development. All communities need this, although Taos is
unique because of Kit Carson. He thinks the viability of Taos lies with the other communities and
the service moves further south. Number one, is the educational aspect, our kids don’t have
access. Developing countries have better high speed access than we do. We could be the most
wired part of the state or even the country. This project is huge for the region.

Darien Cabral indicated there are bits and pieces in various models based in Santa Fe, Taos, and
Kit Carson. There is also legislation coming through the process. The market may not sufficiently
cover all areas, so the two-tier system is needed.

**Northern NM Ag initiative**

Mayor Lucero introduced Todd Lopez, who is on the senior management team of Siete del
Norte. Right now we are involved in low income housing projects in Las Vegas, Farmington and
Taos. We are the sole provider of home care services in Taos County and one of two in Rio
Arriba County. We just launched a youth mentorship program in Santa Fe called Inspire. We also
are looking at redevelopment of our assets. We want to support emerging industry. We are
looking at assisted living possibilities.

One really exciting possibility is the emerging industry of local food. This has grown from $1
billion to $30 billion in the last 20 years. In NM local food constitutes less than 1% of the market
value, so this is a huge opportunity. The bottom line is that we are looking to see how this can
happen. The ag initiatives create other economic development opportunities. They create
farmers markets, which in Santa Fe is no longer just a farmer’s market. With all the traffic many
business are being brought into the rail yard area.

The problem is on the ground the farmers cannot meet this demand because of the size of the
farms, usually less than 10 acres. The farmers don’t have access to cash to improve their farms.
They also do not have the infrastructure in place to connect with other distribution channels.
Greater distribution channels are needed. Most farmers are not making any money and are 60
years or older. We are trying to support our farmers by providing technical assistance and
connecting new and emerging farmers with existing farmers. We are trying to provide capital
with small loans that they can use to equip their farms.
There are many organizations involved in this. The primary partners are the Mayor and the City of Espanola, and the County of Rio Arriba. We need to look at this from an economic development perspective. The RDC or Regional Development Corporation came to the table shortly afterward and started connecting us. That includes LANL with a very generous grant. We also received news that the LANL regional subcontractor consortium will also be supporting us. These are some of the primary parties we are working with. The REDI initiative is also crucial in connecting all partners.

They are looking at an old building in Espanola to house the food, performing arts, a grocery store, community space, and other retail storefront in downtown Espanola. There are a number that are online in that area and we hope to bring more. This is an opportunity to make something happen in Espanola. We have also created over 20 jobs and connected with over 150 people. We still need about $2.5 million to accomplish our goals.

Mayor Lucero said she looks forward to this venture.

Meetings at a glance:
Mayor Lucero indicated that there is not a meeting scheduled for December because of the holidays. However, Lucero suggested an executive session of the Board on December 10 at 11:00 a.m., in the Espanola City Chambers. The purpose of that would be to discuss the evaluation of the executive director and JLH. The contract is due for renewal and it is appropriate to do this.

Mayor Lucero thanked Fran Berting, she indicated she is retiring from her council position in Los Alamos. She has been a member of the Board since its inception and is extremely knowledgeable. We are going to miss Fran. I always looked up to her. She is thanked for her commitment to the Board, Los Alamos County and the citizens.

Fran Berting thanked everyone and has enjoyed working with this group. She wishes them well.

Darien Cabral continued meetings at a glance and recommended that the executive session be turned into a regular meeting. He also recognized Fran Berting who has done an incredible job and councilor Mayfield. We can formally recognize them at the December meeting. Last time there was discussion about getting the legislators here for this meeting, but there are a number of other meetings happening at the same time and they could not make it.

In January, we need to address the funding issues with DOE. There are very serious issues we need to look at. We also need to look at education and development. Alexandra spoke about a press strategy for all the important issues. We want to figure out what to advocate for at this legislative session.

Mayor Lucero said each city does that and has already done that. It may be difficult to get them all here. Alexandra indicated that they can develop specific press releases that can be delivered.

Mayor Lucero said she is not sure about the regular December meeting because the evaluation may take a while.
It was suggested that the item tabled today would be the only regular item on the December agenda. Mayor Lucero asked if the meeting should be started at 10 a.m. and the Board agreed that would work best.

**Public Comment:**

Public Member #1 – This year, 2015, coming up is the 70th anniversary year of the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Many countries will remember this as an appalling action that the US took, even some of our own generals said this. She finds that is it remarkable in two hours that the words ‘nuclear weapons’ were not mentioned once. We must be talking about nuclear weapons. Today we sat and talked about education and many other wonderful things. Why are these organizations asking for funding from a program focused on nuclear bombs? She wants the bylaws of the Coalition changed to advocate a clear stance against nuclear weapons and an end of continued or increased funding for nuclear weapons. Also, read a description of the Coalition after public member #2 finished speaking.

Public Member #2 – He is very supportive of education and economic development. He often thinks that economic development is too focused on LANL and this is not real economic development. From a larger prospective there is no net gain in trying to convince people to move. He thinks LANL is a sinkhole and the 10,000 people could be doing something more productive. Nuclear weapons are obsolete and like the typewriter. He compares LANL to Wall Street. He goes on to say LANL is a genocide machine and that the United Nations allows the US to have nuclear weapons. Change your bylaws so that they reflect the real values.

Andrew Gonzales spoke about why he chose to sit on this board. He stated that there is not much public involvement and he has tried to educate individuals. He hopes he has shown that his true passion lies around the cleanup. He also wants what is best for the community kids. He wants to create a viable area and take care of the community. He tries to pay attention to the issues and how important the cleanup is to this community. He will continually sit here and fight the battle to get the waste off the hill. Gonzales wants a seat at the table, to be actively engaged.

Public Member #3 – Agrees that LANL needs to be cleaned up. She thinks this organization is being used as a rubber stamp for the LANL mission. LANL is a time bomb and is threatening us all. Be careful and don’t be used by LANL and justify their mission.

Public Member #4 – First comment, the cranes are related to a young girl that survived the nuclear bombing. If you make 1,000 cranes you will go on living. He came from Tennessee in an area near Oak Ridge. He never liked nuclear weapons and if something went drastically wrong they could face evacuation. Taos is the opposite and is about the continuity of the civilization. Taos adopted a resolution that it is a nuclear free zone. The RCLC needs to change their stance and to not support nuclear weapons.

Public Member #5 - Is asking as a citizen of Taos County and the City, they should withdraw from RCLC. She went on to read from a statement about plutonium pits and bombs. She spoke about the nuclear bombings in Japan. Producing new and smaller nuclear weapons is wrong. Went on to speak about the WIPP issue, which was caused by LANL, RCLC should have no confidence in LANL. Everyone in this area continues to be contaminated by LANL.
Mayor Lucero indicated that public input is not mandated.

Darien Cabral thanked everyone for their comments and agreed that we need to work towards the elimination of nuclear weapons. The Coalition is not the one to do this. He encourages the public speakers to work with other organizations.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:50.

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Executive Director

ATTEST:

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Mayor Alice Lucero, Chair
Tab B
**Summary of Receipts and Disbursements**  
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January 16, 2015

Dr. Ernest Moniz, Secretary  
United States Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Moniz,

We are writing this letter to express very strong support for the Northern New Mexico Business Service Center Pilot Program being proposed for NNSA funding. This pilot program will address the negative impact caused by the NNSA’s shift to national enterprise-wide agreements from the local purchasing practices historically utilized.

The NNSA created the Supply Chain Management Center (SCMC) in Kansas City to implement enterprise-wide agreements throughout the NNSA complex. Today, the SCMC’s role has expanded within the Department of Energy (DOE) to include DOE Environmental Management (EM) and is expected to expand further to ultimately support all of the DOE, and, for the first time, to include services in addition to commodities.

During your visit to New Mexico last August, we brought this issue to your attention and you urged us to communicate with Kim Davis Lebak, DOE Los Alamos Site Office Manager, and enlist her assistance in scheduling a conference call with appropriate Washington, D.C. staff. That conference call was held on August 20th with Barbara Stearett, Director, Acquisition Management, NNSA APM, Marc Gatewood, Senior Manager, Contracts, SCMC and senior staff from Senator Heinrich’s office, NNSA Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, the Regional Development Corporation and the LANL Major Subcontractor Consortium (LANL MSC). At the conclusion of this meeting, Ms. Stearett agreed to review and consider funding an unsolicited proposal for a pilot program to establish a regional business service center that would provide the needed training and technical assistance to enable small and disadvantaged businesses to successfully compete for enterprise-wide agreements.

As you know, in order for the lab to successfully accomplish its mission, it is vital to have a vibrant economy surrounding DOE installations. As such, 35 local major subcontractors currently work with LANL holding contracts valued at $5 million or more. These subcontractors form the LANL Major Subcontractors Consortium. LANL is the only DOE facility in the country with an organized subcontractor group. Collectively, this group represents nearly two thousand jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars of revenue to our region. Besides direct contracts, the work from LANL has allowed these contractors to build up human and physical capacity over many years, diversifying their products and services as well as their customer base, representing substantial regional economic development. The State of New Mexico, federally funded agencies, our local non-profit development organizations, as well as LANL have worked over decades, supported by consistent economic development policy, to grow and support our subcontractor base. Current policy being put forth by NNSA and the SCMC and the new directive to transition environmental clean-up work from NNSA LANS to DOE EM and re-bid all environmental contracts threatens to undermine all of this work and hollow out this sector.
We are asking for your support of this pilot project to assist and support Northern New Mexico businesses in building consortia to enable them to successfully compete, win and deliver on enterprise-wide agreements at SCMC and other federal agencies seeking cost reduction and process efficiencies in this shrinking budget environment. While the pilot program will initially be focused on Northern New Mexico, the model is being designed to be replicable and scalable nation-wide. We understand that enterprise-wide purchasing agreements will continue to be the chosen system for future procurements and that our local businesses must adapt for future success.

Respectfully,

Regional Coalition of LANL Communities

Alice A. Lucero, Chair
Mayor, City of Española, NM

Executive Committee
Mayor Alice A. Lucero
Councilor Andrew Gonzales
Mayor Javier Gonzales

Board Members
Councilor Steve Girrens
Rio Arriba County Commissioner
Taos County Commissioner
Santa Fe County Commissioner
Ron Lovato - Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh
Governor Raymond Loretto, DVM – Pueblo of Jemez

Administration
Jennifer Hobson Hinsley
Alexandra Pratt
Lisa Neal
EM Transition at LANL from NNSA/LANS to DOE/EM

Executive Summary

In 2012 and 2013 LANL competitively bid four (4) Master Task Order Agreement (MTOA) contracts nationally to provide the scope of work that covers the entire environmental program at LANL. Namely they are:

- MTOA 1 – hazardous and nuclear waste management
- MTOA 2 – nuclear waste management, engineering, and remediation
- MTOA 3 – environmental characterization and remediation
- MTOA 4 – environmental reporting and consulting

For each MTOA, LANS awarded contracts to three (3) or four (4) companies, each with local ties and staff. The goal was to award these contracts to firms who understood LANL’s environmental program, had the knowledge and experience, and could best address the clean-up goals. Contracts were awarded for a period of five (5) years (combined base plus option years) and were valued at several hundred million dollars each. The contracts extend to 2017 and 2018. The bulk of investment for these companies is in year one and two when they must establish a local office, hire qualified/cleared personnel, secure equipment and develop required quality assurance and safety programs.

Since the award of these MTOAs, congressional budget cuts have stalled much of the environmental clean-up work. To date, the contracts have not been used as expected negating the companies’ ability to recover initial investments. Bidding opportunities have been few and most of the companies awarded the contracts have been forced to begin staff lay-offs due to lack of environmental work. Additionally, clean-up commitments to the state under the Consent Order continue to be delayed due to the TRU Campaign funding priority under limited budgets and, most recently, the WIPP closure.

While the DOE proposed Bridge Contract to LANS described in the EM Synopsis allows for LANS to continue utilization of existing subcontractors for continued EM work for the next 18-24 months, it is highly unlikely that WIPP will re-open in this time frame. Given that the new Omnibus Bill passed cut LANL funding yet again to only $185 Million; the likelihood of these existing LANS EM Subcontractors being given the opportunity to recover their initial investments...
investments, let alone complete the work for which they were contracted, is, again, highly unlikely.

Preparing complicated proposals such as these are expensive for both the government and for small businesses. Since the scope of work at LANL for environmental work has not changed, it is not clear why DOE would spend double the money to bid the same work and force companies already qualified, hired and doing the work to spend again to re-bid the work they have already been awarded. In fact, this would create an unfair competition as most subcontracted EM companies would not be in a financial position to re-bid the work since they are currently in the red due to LANL contracts not being utilized. This also means that the very best EM Companies in the nation would be out of the competitive process since LANL hired the most qualified EM companies from a national pool of bidders.

The LANL subcontractors awarded MTOA contracts represent 46% of the Major Subcontractor Consortium’s membership. These companies are active in our rural communities through volunteer service and have collectively invested over $4 million dollars in northern New Mexico in the areas of Education, Economic Development and Community Giving in the last five years. Historically, Northern New Mexico communities have fared better when LANL draws from a diverse subcontractor pool. Small businesses hire, rent, and buy locally.

We strongly recommend that DOE retain the existing MTOAs and subcontractors by transferring them from LANS to EM for continued work long-term. Re-bidding this work will result in job losses in the hundreds and negatively impact northern New Mexico as DOE EM does not have any local hiring or re-investment requirements in the region. We will also have negative results from SCMC utilization compounding our losses. Not only will Northern New Mexico lose jobs and economic and educational investments, as tax payers, we will have paid twice to bid exactly the same work.
Regional Coalition of LANL Communities

A RESOLUTION REGARDING LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY’S ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION
MASTER TASK ORDER AGREEMENTS, THEIR IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY OF NORTHERN NEW MEXICO
AND THE TRANSITION OF THE OVERSIGHT OF THIS WORK FROM LANS TO EM

WHEREAS, the economic well being of northern New Mexico is directly affected by the activities of Los Alamos National Laboratory and its subcontractors; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities is comprised of the City of Santa Fe, County of Santa Fe, City of Española, County of Los Alamos, County of Rio Arriba, Town of Taos, County of Taos, Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo and Pueblo of Jemez;

WHEREAS, four Master Task Order Agreement contracts for the entire environmental program at LANL were competed nationwide among small businesses (with headcounts of less than 500) and awarded by LANS in 2012 and 2013; and

WHEREAS, the stated goal during the bid process was to award these contracts to firms who understood LANL’s environmental program, had the knowledge and experience, and could best address the local clean-up goals; and

WHEREAS, with NNSA review and approval, LANS awarded each of the four MTOA contracts to three or four companies with strong local ties and staff; and

WHEREAS, each of these contracts were awarded for a period of five years (combined base plus option years) and were valued at several hundred million dollars each; and

WHEREAS, to date, the contracts have not been used as expected, bidding opportunities have been few and most of the companies awarded the contracts have been forced to lay staff off because of lack of environmental work; and

WHEREAS, preparing complicated proposals such as these are expensive for small businesses, and a lack of bidding opportunities directly hurts their ability to maintain a healthy office in Northern New Mexico and contribute to the local economy and community; and

WHEREAS, clean-up commitments to the State of New Mexico continue to be delayed due to the TRU campaign funding priority under limited budgets, and most recently because of the LANL originated drum that caused the release at WIPP; and
WHEREAS, investigations and recovery from the WIPP incident are anticipated to take years for DOE and those responsible to resolve; and

WHEREAS, during this same time period almost all other environmental work at LANL has stopped; and

WHEREAS, the transition of the environmental mitigation work from NNSA to EM oversight has the potential to further negatively impact nearly half of the Consortium’s collective employees, their families, and all residents of northern New Mexico;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE REGIONAL COALITION OF LANL COMMUNITIES that the United States Department of Energy be strongly encouraged to expedite renegotiation of the Consent Order priorities with NMED to continue progress on LANL Legacy Clean-up sites; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Department of Energy uses the existing MTOAs by transferring them from LANS to EM for continued work during and beyond transition, thereby expediting LANL cleanup while also sustaining the knowledgeable and experienced local small businesses, and thereby expediting completion of the Department of Energy’s cleanup obligations to the state of New Mexico, and benefiting the economy and communities of northern New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Senator Tom Udall, Senator Martin Heinrich, Congressman Ben Ray Lujan, Congressman Steve Pearce, Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham, the secretary of the New Mexico Environment Department, the DOE Office of Environmental Management, the Director and management team of Los Alamos National Laboratory, and the Department of Energy Los Alamos Field Office.

Approved in open Regional Coalition of LANL Communities meeting and signed this sixteenth day of January, 2015.

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Mayor Alice A. Lucero, Chair
Regional Coalition of LANL Communities
Tab D
MEMORANDUM

Date: January 16, 2015

TO: Regional Coalition Board of Directors

From: Brian Bosshardt, Los Alamos Deputy County Manager

Subject: Proposed 2015 Federal Legislative Priorities

Background
The federal government funds and regulates a variety of actions related to Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) operations. The Regional Coalition of LANL Communities (RCLC) must continuously work to understand and provide input to federal laws and budgetary decisions that impact LANL operations and our communities. LANL is the second largest employer in the State of New Mexico and the economic engine for our region. It is important that the RCLC work closely with the New Mexico delegation with respect to federal legislation and budgeting decisions that will impact LANL operations.

Annually, the Regional Coalition Board of Directors adopts federal legislative priorities. This document guides our intergovernmental efforts at the federal level. The federal legislative priorities provide direction from the Board of Directors to the Executive Director Services contractor when working with various federal officials and entities, providing for a consistent voicing in our messaging. It is used in the preparation of talking points for any meetings the RCLC has with the New Mexico delegation and other federal representatives and agencies.

The proposed 2015 Federal Legislative Priorities is attached. The proposed priorities include one new item related to the contracting issue that the Coalition has tracked for the last year. It is a general statement about the importance of local contracting for our region and will allow for more specific talking points to be developed for future meetings. No other substantive changes are being proposed.

Recommended Action
I recommend the Board approve the Regional Coalition 2015 Federal Legislative Priorities.
Clean-up Funding

- The Department of Energy (DOE) and New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) must continue to engage local and tribal government officials on all aspects of environmental cleanup. DOE and NMED should identify their cleanup priorities for Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) to the Regional Coalition and seek its input. Transparent communication between local governments, states, tribes and DOE is essential for achieving successful cleanup.

- Local and tribal governments support a sustained, quality cleanup that protects human health, safety, and the environment, and complies with both the Framework Agreement and binding Compliance Order on Consent between NMED and DOE (“Cleanup Agreements”). DOE should continue to request and congress should appropriate funding to meet the requirements of the Cleanup Agreements in an amount no less than $255 million.

- LANL needs consistent, reliable and sufficient funding over to meet Cleanup Agreement obligations over the long-term.

LANL

- Reverse downward trend in funding for LANL. The Administration should request sufficient funding for LANL to maintain strong scientific capabilities and support the diversification of missions, recognizing the priority to protect human health, safety and the environment.

Other

- Consistent funding for the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities to better enable local governments and tribes to participate in environmental cleanup decision-making and support of the DOE missions.

- Include local and tribal governments in the DOE contracting process. The DOE contracts impact local and tribal governments significantly. The RCLC should be consulted with prior to changing the contracting process. Local and tribal governments have interests in ensuring that local contractors have incentives to become part of the community while accomplishing DOE’s mission.
Tab E
REGIONAL COALITION OF LANL COMMUNITIES  
STRATEGIC PLAN  

Mission:  
The mission of the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities is to:  
1. Advocate for diverse and sustainable LANL missions,  
2. Address the environmental, economic, and other opportunities of LANL, and  
3. Serve as a focal point for communication, advocacy and education regarding LANL.  

Goals:  
In furtherance of this mission, the Regional Coalition adopted the following goals:  
1. Engage LANL, DOE, state of New Mexico and others on site issues  
2. Increase the communities’ voice, including state and federal legislative advocacy  
3. Discuss and proactively address issues, and strategize on how to meet regional needs  
4. Identify and support economic opportunities to promote LANL activities off-site  
5. Ensure site activities and cleanup protect human health and the environment  

Governance & Approach:  
The Regional Coalition will explore issues and identify solutions that are broadly representative of the regional communities’ needs, interests and goals. The Board of Directors will seek to reach a broad consensus on policy matters, working collaboratively with DOE, Congress, the regulatory agencies, site contractors and other community members as decisions are formulated and policies are implemented. The Board will adhere to an approach of disclosure and transparency built on the free flow of information, and will ensure this approach is followed throughout the organization.  

Strategic Plan Elements:  
The Strategic Plan is divided into the following four sections:  
1. Site Mission/Mission Diversification/Economic Development  
2. Environmental Stewardship  
3. Communications and Engagement  
4. Business Operations  

Site Mission/Mission Diversification/Economic Development  
Overview:  
LANL is the largest employer in Northwest New Mexico and a critical economic driver in the region. Sustaining and diversifying LANL’s missions and protecting the environment through
design, planning and execution are central to the site’s long-term viability and, in turn, essential to the long-term economic and social health of the regional communities.

Activities:
1. Promote new missions for LANL that are in the public interest
2. Advocate for long-term, stable funding
3. Promote diversification and new scientific endeavors at LANL with the intent to further economic employment and educational opportunities within the regional communities
4. Raise awareness of LANL’s regional economic benefits and employment impact
5. Support business incubation, including business development on non-federal lands
6. Support workforce training and development
7. Build recognition of LANL’s contributions to education in the region
8. Inform the region of the variety and sophistication of LANL research programs and importance to national security

Environmental Stewardship

Overview:
One of the key roles of the Regional Coalition is to understand and engage the various issues regarding the cleanup and long-term management of LANL, and to provide a forum to foster discussions among DOE, Congress, the regulatory agencies, site contractors, and community members.

Activities:
1. Work to ensure the cleanup and site conditions meet community values and future use goals (including existing and new missions)
2. Work with DOE, Congress, and other interested parties to ensure that budgets support a timely, safe and thorough cleanup
3. Engage on technical issues, as needed
4. Examine the relationship between future use goals and objectives, cleanup, and long-term stewardship needs and obligations, including the prevention of future contamination through design, planning and execution
5. Evaluate cleanup planning, implementation, and oversight for protection of workers and neighboring communities

Communications and Engagement

Overview:
A core goal of the Regional Coalition is reaching out to the community leaders and providing a mechanism to educate people about LANL. As part of this mission, it remains essential that the group develop and maintain close communications with DOE, Congress, the regulatory agencies, site contractors and other community members.

Activities:
1. Evaluate policy and legislation for impacts on regional communities
2. Develop long-term relationships among key individuals in the region, with LANL, and with DOE officials and Congress in both Washington, DC and New Mexico
3. Build awareness of LANL strategic initiatives and ensure that the Regional Coalition’s work complements LANL’s efforts
4. Meet with key program agencies, committees, committee members and staff that affect LANL funding
5. Coordinate with other organizations advocating for federal installations in the state and elsewhere
6. Provide feedback to LANL senior management on cleanup, funding and site mission
7. Participate and provide comments during formal public comment and public outreach initiatives to impact decisions on LANL activities

**Business Operations**

**Overview:**
Business operations refers to organizational management responsibilities – conducting the annual audit, hiring staff, submitting financial reports to DOE, adopting the strategic plan and annual budget, etc.

**Activities:**
1. Secure federal, state and local funding
2. Operate organization in compliance with applicable local, state and federal regulations
3. Prepare and adopt the annual strategic plan and the annual budget
4. File grant reports (as necessary)
5. Pay bills
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**Issues to watch:**
- WIPP
- Jobs at LANL
- TRU Waste 3706 Campaign
- Environmental Campaign Priorities
- Consent Order
- Subcontractor Issue
- Economic Development Priorities
- Manhattan Project Park
- DOE funding
- REDI-Net
Tab G
Regional Coalition of LANL Communities Welcomes Pueblo of Jemez to the Coalition

Pueblo of Jemez joins the Coalition; Governor Joshua Madalena Joins Board

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—November 26, 2014 (Santa Fe, NM): The Regional Coalition of LANL Communities welcomes the Pueblo of Jemez to the Coalition, voted in at the October 17, 2014 meeting. Governor Joshua Madalena is the designated member of the Board.

“The Pueblo of Jemez is proud to lend its sovereignty and experience to help advance the mission of the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities,” said Joshua Madalena, Governor, Pueblo of Jemez. Our communities will work together proactively, nationally and locally, to address environmental remediation, regional economic development and site employment, and adequate funding for LANL.”

“It is a great milestone for the Pueblo of Jemez to join the Coalition,” said Mayor Alice Lucero of Espanola, Chair of the Coalition. “We look forward to working with Governor Madalena to advance the mission of the Coalition. We are honored to now have two pueblos in the Coalition; we hope the participation of these two sovereign nations will aid the business of our communities.”

Joshua Madalena is current Governor of the Pueblo of Jemez; he also served as Governor in 2012 and 2010. Under his leadership, the Tribe has made strides with repatriation, ancestral land reclamation, renewable energy, veteran’s services, self-governance, employment and quality health care for tribal members. He is also currently serving as an Officer on the All Pueblo Council of Governors and the Southern Pueblos Council.

Madalena is a two-time Lt. Governor for the Pueblo of Jemez. In 2008, he was appointed to 1st Lt. Governor and in 2004 he was appointed to 2nd Lt. Governor. On the traditional side of Pueblo life, he was appointed to War-Captain in 2000.

From 2005 to 2007, he was the Manager of one of the eight New Mexico State Monuments: the Jemez State Monument. At the Monument, he was responsible for the management of a 14th century ancestral Jemez village, a 17th Century Mission Church, Museum and Heritage Center. One of his duties was establishing educational programs for K-12 students.
In 2004, he was elected to the Sandoval County Board of County Commissioners and served as Chairman of the Commission in 2008. Successes include Sandoval Easy Express, a rural public transportation system; regionalism of water and technology, construction of numerous roads in rural Sandoval County, and advocacy for tribes and their needs.

In 1999, Madalena was elected to the Jemez Valley Public Schools Board of Education, where he served as President of the Board from March 2003 to June 2004. As Board Member, he supported the first Charter school in Indian Country: San Diego Charter School in Jemez.

Madalena is one of the founding members of the Jemez Health & Human Services Board of Directors specializing in PL. 93-638 - Indian Self-Determination; he served as Vice-Chair of the Board from August 1999 to September 2001. This Board was responsible in the negotiation and setting the foundation and transferring of IHS shares to the Jemez.

In 1999, the Pueblo of Jemez repatriated the largest of human remains and artifact in U.S. history. He was responsible for the coordination of the repatriation and the reburial of the Pecos ancestors. In recent years, he has successfully negotiated numerous repatriations.

Last but not least, Madalena is an award-winning artist and an entrepreneur in the art of creating Jemez Black-on-White pottery traditions - a rediscovery of a 300 year-old lost ancient art of the Jemez People. His work is published in numerous magazines.

The Regional Coalition of LANL Communities meets monthly. An abbreviated session will be held Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the City of Espanola Chambers.

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The Regional Coalition is comprised of nine cities, counties and pueblos surrounding the Department of Energy's Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). Founded in 2011, the Regional Coalition works in partnership to ensure national decisions incorporate local needs and concerns. The organization's focus is environmental remediation, regional economic development and site employment, and adequate funding for LANL. The Board of Directors includes Chair, Mayor Alice Lucero, City of Espanola; Vice-Chair, Councilor Andrew Gonzales, Town of Taos; Sect./Treas. Javier Gonzales, Mayor of Santa Fe; Danny Mayfield, County Councilor Fran Berting, Los Alamos County Council; Commissioner Alfredo Montoya, Rio Arriba County; Commissioner Tom Blankenhorn, Taos County; Ron Lovato, Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh; and Joshua Madalena, Pueblo of Jemez. http://regionalcoalition.org/.

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