REGIONAL COALITION MEETING AGENDA
City of Española – Council Chambers
405 North Paseo de Oñate, Española, NM 87532
November 7, 2013, 9:00 - 11:00 AM

9:00  Info  Welcome & Introductions  Mayor Coss

Action  Confirmation of Quorum  Mayor Coss

Action  Approval of Agreement AGR 14-01 to JLH Media LLC for Executive Director Services in an Amount Not To Exceed $140,000 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax  Mayor Coss/ Board Members

Action  Approval of Minutes: August 2013

9:45  Info  LANL’s Long-Term Strategy for Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability  Michael Brandt, AD for Environment, Safety & Health

10:15  Info  Report of Board Members  Commissioner Mayfield

• DOE Intergovernmental Meeting
• Other?

10:30  Info  Coalition Updates  Brian Bosshardt, LA County

• RCLC Receipts and Disbursements
• Update on DOE Funding Draw Down

10:45  Info  Public Comment  Mayor Coss

11:00  Action  Adjourn  Mayor Coss
SERVICES AGREEMENT

This SERVICES AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”) is entered into by and between the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities, (“Regional Coalition”), and JLH Media LLC, a New Mexico limited liability corporation (“Contractor”), to be effective for all purposes November 11, 2013

WHEREAS, the Regional Coalition was created pursuant to a Joint Powers Agreement establishing the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities By and Among the Incorporated County of Los Alamos, The City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, The City of Española, Rio Arriba County, The Town of Taos and Taos County, under the authority granted by the Joint Powers Agreement Act, Sections 11-1-1 through 11-1-7 (NMSA) 1978, and as such is recognized as a political subdivision of the State;

WHEREAS, the Regional Coalition determined that the use of competitive sealed bidding was either not practical or not advantageous to the Regional Coalition for procurement of the services and issued Request for Proposals No 2013-01 (“the “RFP”) on August 12, 2013, requesting proposals for a Regional Coalition of LANL Communities Executive Director as described in the RFP;

WHEREAS, Contractor timely responded to the RFP by submitting a proposal, dated September 13, 2013 (“Contractor’s Response”);

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation factors set out in the RFP, Contractor was the successful offeror for said services;

WHEREAS, the Contractor will perform Executive Director Services for the Coalition, as described below.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and the covenants contained herein, the Regional Coalition and Contractor agree as follows:

SECTION A. SERVICES:

1. Contractor Services. Contractor is appointed and shall provide Executive Director Services for the Coalition during the term of his agreement.
SCOPE OF WORK
The Contractor shall provide the following services associated with the role of the Executive Director of the Coalition, which tasks shall include:

1. Continue and build upon the Regional Coalition’s efforts as an effective advocacy organization.

2. Manage the organization and help ensure its legal and financial responsibilities are met.

3. Advise the Board of Directors on the group’s strategic direction and policies, including legislative strategies, to achieve the organizational mission. Make recommendations where appropriate.

4. Provide technical assistance to the organization. Summarize and analyze issues, and provide comment and advice as necessary or requested. Prepare technical memos and issue briefs as needed.

5. Serve as an independent facilitator for the Board meetings.

6. Develop and circulate agenda items and briefing memos for the Board meetings.

7. Prepare and distribute meeting minutes of the Board meetings.

8. Make presentations to each participating members governing body at least annually.


10. Negotiate and collaborate with outside entities, and convey and advocate for organizational policies, as directed by the Board.

11. Implement public information strategies on behalf of the organization.

12. Serve as spokesperson of the Regional Coalition with the Department of Energy, state and federal agencies, the media and the public.

13. Monitor regional and national issues and coordinate with outside agencies on issues affecting LANL.

14. Make monthly presentations to the Board and at other forums on a range of issues.

15. Represent the organization at national meetings as directed by the Board.

16. Prepare monthly updates on relevant congressional and DOE policies and actions.

17. Report progress on the strategic plan, and annually provide an updated plan for the Board’s discussion and approval.

18. Prepare the draft annual budget for approval by the Board, and implement as appropriate.

19. Generate supporting funds from a variety of sources to continue the operations of the Regional Coalition.

20. Provide monthly updates to the Board regarding progress.

21. Other tasks that are identified and assigned by the Board.
2. Deliverables.

1. On an annual basis, the Contractor shall prepare an annual report, which shall generally address the Regional Coalition’s operations for the previous year, proposed plans for the upcoming year, a financial status summary including revenue projections and operating costs and any changes or proposed changes to Coalition policies.

2. As requested, the Contractor shall provide a variety of written and/or electronic reports to the Coalition Board of Directors.

SECTION B. TERM: The term of this Agreement shall commence on November 11, 2013 and shall be for two (2) years. At the Regional Coalition’s sole option, the term of this Agreement may be further extended, in one-year increments for up to two (2) additional years, under the same terms and conditions. In no event, however, shall the term of the Agreement, including any and all extensions, exceed four (4) years from the initial effective date of the Agreement. The monthly fixed fee and other associated costs may be considered for an annual adjustment if such is warranted.

SECTION C. COMPENSATION:

1. Amount of Compensation. Los Alamos County, on behalf of the Regional Coalition shall pay compensation for the performance of the Services in a yearly amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($140,000), which amount does not include applicable New Mexico gross receipts taxes (NMGRT). The monthly fixed fee and other associated costs may be considered for an annual adjustment subject to fund availability and if such is warranted. Compensation and reimbursable expenses shall be paid in accordance with the rate schedule set out in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes.

2. Monthly Invoices. Contractor shall submit itemized monthly invoices to the Regional Coalition showing the amount of compensation and reimbursable expenses due, amount of any NMGRT, and total amount payable. Payment of undisputed amounts shall be due and payable thirty (30) days after Los Alamos County’s receipt of the invoice.

3. Reimbursable Expenses. Reimbursement of travel costs shall be subject to the annual budget as approved by the Board and shall be in accordance with the Regional Coalition’s travel policy resolution.

SECTION D. TAXES: Contractor shall be responsible for remittance of the NMGRT levied on the amounts payable under this Agreement.

SECTION E. STATUS OF CONTRACTOR, STAFF, AND PERSONNEL: This Agreement calls for the performance of services by Contractor as an independent contractor. Contractor is not an agent or employee of either the Regional Coalition or Los Alamos County and will not be considered an employee of the Regional Coalition or Los Alamos County for any purpose. Contractor, its agents or employees shall make no representation that they are Regional Coalition or Los Alamos County employees, nor shall they create the appearance of being employees by using a job or position title on a name plate, business cards, or in any other manner, bearing the Los Alamos County’s name or logo; except that the Contractor may be identified as the Executive Director of the Regional Coalition on correspondence, stationary, business cards and other standard methods of business communication while this agreement remains in place. Neither Contractor nor any employee of Contractor shall be entitled to any benefits or compensation other than the compensation specified herein. Contractor shall have no authority to bind the Regional Coalition to any agreement, contract, duty or obligation unless Contractor has received approval from the Board prior to entering such
agreement. Approval of agreements, contracts, duty or obligation shall come in the form of formal action by the Board at a regular Regional Coalition meeting. Contractor shall make no representations that are intended to, or create the appearance of, binding the Regional Coalition to any agreement, contract, duty, or obligation. Contractor shall have full power to continue any outside employment or business, to employ and discharge its employees or associates as it deems appropriate without interference from the Regional Coalition; provided, however, that Contractor shall at all times during the term of this Agreement maintain the ability to perform the obligations in a professional, timely and reliable manner.

SECTION F. STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE: Contractor agrees and represents that it has and will maintain the personnel, experience and knowledge necessary to qualify it for the particular duties to be performed under this Agreement. Contractor shall perform the work described herein in accordance with a standard of care for performance of the Services that exceeds industry standards.

SECTION G. DELIVERABLES AND USE OF DOCUMENTS: All deliverables required under this Agreement, including material, products, reports, policies, procedures, software improvements, databases, and any other products and processes, whether in written or electronic form, shall remain the exclusive property of and shall inure to the benefit of the Regional Coalition as works for hire; Contractor shall not use, sell, disclose, or obtain any other compensation for such works for hire. In addition, Contractor may not, with regard to all work, work product, deliverables or works for hire required by this Agreement, apply for, in its name or otherwise, any copyright, patent or other property right and acknowledges that any such property right created or developed remains the exclusive right of the Regional Coalition. Contractor shall not use deliverables in any manner for any other purpose without the express written consent of the Regional Coalition.

SECTION H. EMPLOYEES AND SUB-CONTRACTORS: Contractor shall be solely responsible for payment of wages, salary or benefits to any and all employees or contractors retained by Contractor in the performance of the Services. Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless both Los Alamos County as fiscal agent, and Regional Coalition as a whole, for any and all claims that may arise from Contractor's relationship to its employees and subcontractors.

Throughout the term of this Agreement, Darien Cabral, an employee of Contractor, shall serve as the Regional Coalition Executive Director (the "Executive Director") and shall spend a substantial amount of time on the business of the Regional Coalition. The Executive Director will oversee the day-to-day operations of Regional Coalition. The Contractor shall not change the Executive Director without the approval of the Regional Coalition. The Executive Director shall at his or her discretion assign other Contractor employees to serve Regional Coalition in other capacities; all additional staff required to perform the services set forth herein.

SECTION I. INSURANCE: Contractor shall obtain and maintain insurance of the types and in the amounts set out below throughout the term of this Agreement with an insurer acceptable to the Regional Coalition. Contractor shall assure that all subcontractors maintain like insurance. Compliance with the terms and conditions of this Section is a condition precedent to the Regional Coalition’s obligation to pay compensation for the Services and Contractor shall not provide any Services under this Agreement unless and until Contractor has met the requirements of this Section. The Regional Coalition requires Certificates of Insurance or other evidence acceptable to the Regional Coalition that Contractor has met its obligation to obtain and maintain insurance and to assure that subcontractors maintain like insurance. General Liability Insurance and Automobile Liability Insurance shall name the Regional Coalition as an additional insured and provide that the Regional Coalition will be notified no less than 30 days in advance of cancellation.
1. General Liability Insurance. $1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence.

2. Workers’ Compensation. In an amount as may be required by law. The Regional Coalition may immediately terminate this Agreement if Contractor fails to comply with the Worker’s Compensation Act and applicable rules when required to do so.

3. Automobile Liability Insurance for Contractor and its employees: An amount at least equal to the minimum required by state law on any owned, and/or non-owned motor vehicles used in performing Services under this Agreement.

SECTION J. RECORDS: Contractor shall maintain throughout the term of this Agreement and for a period of six (6) years thereafter records that indicate the date, time, and nature of the services rendered. Contractor shall make available for inspection by the Regional Coalition all records, books of account, memoranda, and other documents pertaining to the Regional Coalition at any reasonable time upon request.

SECTION K. APPLICABLE LAW: Contractor shall abide by all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, and policies and shall perform the Services in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies during the term of the Agreement. In any lawsuit or legal dispute arising from the operation of this Agreement, the parties agree that the laws of the State of New Mexico shall govern. Venue shall be in the First Judicial District Court of New Mexico in Los Alamos County, New Mexico.

SECTION L. NON-DISCRIMINATION: During the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for an employment position to be used in the performance of the obligations of Contractor under this Agreement, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity, disability or veteran status.

SECTION M. INDEMNITY: Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Regional Coalition, its Board members, employees, agents and representatives, from and against all liabilities, damages, claims, demands, actions (legal or equitable), and costs and expenses, including without limitation attorneys’ fees, of any kind or nature, arising from Contractor's negligent performance hereunder or breach hereof and the negligent performance of Contractor's employees, agents, representatives and subcontractors.

SECTION N. FORCE MAJEURE: Neither the Regional Coalition nor Contractor shall be liable for any delay in the performance of this Agreement, nor for any other breach, nor for any loss or damage arising from uncontrollable forces such as fire, theft, storm, war, or any other force majeure that could not have been reasonably avoided by exercise of due diligence.

SECTION O. NON-ASSIGNMENT: Contractor may not assign this Agreement or any privileges or obligations herein without the prior written consent of the Regional Coalition.

SECTION P. LICENSES: Contractor shall maintain all required licenses, including without limitation all necessary professional and business licenses, throughout the term of this Agreement. Contractor shall require and shall assure that all of Contractor’s employees and subcontractors maintain all required licenses, including without limitation all necessary professional and business licenses.

SECTION Q. PROHIBITED INTERESTS: Contractor agrees that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its services hereunder. Contractor further agrees that it will not employ any
person having such an interest to perform services under this Agreement. The Contractor shall not contract with any of the members of the Regional Coalition without the approval of the Board.

SECTION R. TERMINATION:

1. **Generally.** Either party may terminate this Agreement with or without cause upon ten (10) days prior written notice to the non-terminating party. This agreement may be terminated for cause as (as defined below) with five (5) days written notice. For purposes of this paragraph, “cause” shall mean any material breach of this Agreement, which breach has not been cured within ten (10) days of receipt of notice by the breaching party describing the nature of the breach.

Contractor shall be paid for Services actually completed up to the date of termination at the rate set out in Exhibit “A”. Contractor shall render a final report of the services performed to the date of termination and shall turn over to the Regional Coalition originals of all materials prepared pursuant to this Agreement.

2. **Funding.** This Agreement shall terminate without further action by the Regional Coalition on the first day of any Regional Coalition’s fiscal year for which funds to pay compensation hereunder are not appropriated by the Board of Directors. The Regional Coalition shall make reasonable efforts to give Contractor at least ninety (90) days advance notice that funds have not been and are not expected to be appropriated for that purpose.

SECTION S. NOTICE: Any notices required under this Agreement shall be made in writing, postage prepaid to the following addresses, and shall be deemed given upon hand delivery, verified delivery by telecopy (followed by copy sent by United States Mail), or three (3) days after deposit in the United States Mail:

Regional Coalition of LANL Communities:                  Contractor:  
County Administrator                            JLH Media                     
Los Alamos County                               Jennifer Hobson-Hinsley, Principal 
1000 Central Ave., Ste. 350                     518 Old Santa Fe Trail, #456     
Los Alamos County, NM 87544                     Santa Fe, NM 87505

SECTION T. INVALIDITY OF PRIOR AGREEMENTS: This Agreement supersedes all prior contracts or agreements, either oral or written, that may exist between the parties with reference to the services described herein and expresses the entire agreement and understanding between the parties with reference to said services. It cannot be modified or changed by any oral promise made by any person, officer, or employee, nor shall any written modification of it be binding on the Regional Coalition until approved in writing by both the Regional Coalition and the Contractor.

SECTION U. CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM  
A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM is attached as Exhibit “B”. Upon award, Contractor must submit this form with this Agreement, if applicable and in accordance with Chapter 81 of the laws of 2006 of the State of New Mexico.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date(s) set forth opposite the signatures of their authorized representatives to be effective for all purposes on the date first written above.

ATTEST

By:________________________

REGIONAL COALITION OF LANL COMMUNITIES

By:______________________________________

CHAIR DATE

JLH Media, a New Mexico limited liability corporation

By:_______________________________________

NAME DATE

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MEMBER
### JLH MEDIA COST OUTLINE FOR REGIONAL COALITION OF LANL COMMUNITIES

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**MONTHLY BUDGET** $11,666
Exhibit “B”

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

Pursuant to Chapter 81, Laws of 2006, any prospective contractor seeking to enter into a contract with any state agency or local public body must file this form with that state agency or local public body. The prospective contractor must disclose whether they, a family member or a representative of the prospective contractor has made a campaign contribution to an applicable public official of the state or a local public body during the two years prior to the date on which the contractor submits a proposal or, in the case of a sole source or small purchase contract, the two years prior to the date the contractor signs the contract, if the aggregate total of contributions given by the prospective contractor, a family member or a representative of the prospective contractor to the public official exceeds two hundred and fifty dollars ($250) over the two year period.

ANY PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR MUST FILE THIS FORM WHETHER OR NOT THEY, THEIR FAMILY MEMBER, OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE HAS MADE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE.

The following definitions apply:

“Applicable public official” means a person elected to an office or a person appointed to complete a term of an elected office, who has the authority to award or influence the award of the contract for which the prospective contractor is submitting a competitive sealed proposal or who has the authority to negotiate a sole source or small purchase contract that may be awarded without submission of a sealed competitive proposal.

“Campaign Contribution” means a gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of money or other things of value, including the estimated value of an in-kind contribution, that is made to or received by an applicable public official or any person authorized to raise, collect or expend contributions on that official's behalf for the purpose of electing the official to either statewide or local office. “Campaign Contribution” includes the payment of a debt incurred in an election campaign, but does not include the value of services provided without compensation or unreimbursed travel or other personal expenses of individuals who volunteer a portion or all of their time on behalf of a candidate or political committee, nor does it include the administrative or solicitation expenses of a political committee that are paid by an organization that sponsors the committee.

“Contract” means any agreement for the procurement of items of tangible personal property, services, professional services, or construction.

“Family member” means spouse, father, mother, child, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law or son-in-law.

“Pendency of the procurement process” means the time period commencing with the public notice of the request for proposals and ending with the award of the contract or the cancellation of the request for proposals.

“Person” means any corporation, partnership, individual, joint venture, association or any other private legal entity.
“Prospective contractor” means a person who is subject to the competitive sealed proposal process set forth in the Procurement Code or is not required to submit a competitive sealed proposal because that person qualifies for a sole source or a small purchase contract.

“Representative of a prospective contractor” means an officer or director of a corporation, a member or manager of a limited liability corporation, a partner of a partnership or a trustee of a trust of the prospective contractor.

DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTIONS: (Report any applicable contribution made to current elected members of the Board of the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities:

Contribution Made by:  
Relation to Prospective Contractor:  
Name of Applicable Public Official:  
Date Contribution(s) Made:  
Amount(s) of Contribution(s)  
Nature of Contribution(s)  
Purpose of Contribution(s)  
(The above fields are unlimited in size)

_____________________________  ________________________  
Signature  Date

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Signature  Date

Title (position)

--OR--

NO CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE AGGREGATE TOTAL OVER TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($250) WERE MADE to an applicable public official by me, a family member or representative.

_____________________________  ________________________  
Signature  Date

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Signature  Date

Title (position)
Welcome and Introductions
Vice-Chairman Mayor Lucero called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m.

In attendance: Mayor David Coss (Chair RCLC), Mayor Alice Lucero (Vice-Chair RCLC), County Commissioner Danny Mayfield (Secretary/Treasurer RCLC), Councilor Fran Berting, Councilor Andrew Gonzales, Commissioner Alfredo Montoya, staff members: DeAnza Sapien (Executive Director RCLC), and Alicia Martinez.

Confirmation of Quorum
Chair Mayor Coss confirmed a quorum.

Approval of Agenda
Chair Mayor Coss asked the members for approval of the meeting agenda. Commissioner Mayfield made a motion to move election of the RCLC officers after the presentations to allow Vice-Chair Mayor Lucero to be present for elections. Councilor Gonzales seconded the motion. The members unanimously approved the meeting agenda with the elections being postponed until after presentations.

Approval of Minutes
Chair Mayor Coss asked the members for approval of the July 2013 minutes. Councilor Fran Berting motioned to approve with a request to add “to” in the second paragraph in the July 2013 minutes. Commissioner Mayfield seconded the motion. The members unanimously approved the minutes with the requested correction.

Special Guest: NM Environment Secretary Designate, Sect. Ryan Flynn
Chair Mayor Coss introduced special guest New Mexico Environment Secretary-Designate Ryan Flynn and thanked him for coming to the meeting and congratulating him on his new important position. Secretary Flynn thanked Chairman Mayor Coss. Secretary Flynn stated that he would be providing a brief update on Los Alamos and what some of the Environment Department’s key
concerns are with respect to work at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). He went on to state that as many of you know, in January 2012 the Environment Department and LANL entered into a Framework Agreement. This agreement governs the short term disposal of Transuranic (TRU) waste at Material Disposal Area (MDA) G, how chromium contamination in groundwater in Los Alamos will be addressed, and prioritizes the security of Santa Fe’s drinking water and the Buckman Direct Diversion Project. Secretary Designate Flynn stated that he was pleased to report, “that in the past two years we have seen more substantive cleanup work occur in LANL than we ever have before.” In 2012 LANL set a record for the number of TRU waste shipments it sent to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) at 230 shipments. The prior record was from 2011 at 171 shipments of TRU waste sent to WIPP. In the past two years we have seen more TRU waste get removed from LANL down to WIPP than ever before. He also went on to state that the Environment Department is extremely pleased with the pace of the cleanup effort. LANL has been processing waste at four different facilities, seven days a week, Monday through Friday they are working 24 hours a day using three shifts, and on Saturday and Sunday they are working an eight hour shift. Secretary Designate Flynn went on to say that the cleanup effort is very aggressive and as the chief regulator of the cleanup he is extremely pleased at how aggressively LANL is attacking this problem. The Framework Agreement also governs/sets a priority on the cleanup of the chromium groundwater contamination. He was at LANL this week touring the site and was amazed how much progress has been made in the past year. There are two pilot test wells in place. LANL is pumping and treating one of those wells and gathering data. In a little less than a month LANL will shut down the first pilot test well and let it sit for a week, before bringing the second test pilot well online. The reason for alternating is that these are pilot projects where they are gathering data to see how pumping will impact the ground water. He noted that the Environment Department is very pleased that LANL is aggressively going after the chromium contamination. This is certainly something that the Environment Department believes needs to be aggressively addressed; the chromium plume is migrating and it is migrating toward the San Ildefonso Pueblo. He toured the San Ildefonso Pueblo with Governor Aguilar and the proximity of the groundwater contamination to his land was certainly a major concern. Secretary Flynn is very pleased that the Environment Department is working with the Pueblo to address Governor Aguilar’s concerns, and being mindful of the sacred lands that are just across the boundary from where the pumping and testing is going on. LANL is also working with Governor Aguilar and the Pueblo and continues to try and do everything possible to address the chromium contamination plume before it migrates onto the Pueblo land. In addition, there has been work done to setup an extensive monitoring network to ensure the security of Santa Fe’s drinking water supply through the Buckman Direct Diversion Project and we remain very concerned about any runoff impacting that water supply. The Environment Department believes that the monitoring network for the direct diversion is very extensive and will ensure that we have advanced warning should there be any detects in the surface water. The Buckman Direct Diversion Project is quite impressive in both the technology available and their ability to stop the diversion and start pumping. He believes that the City of Santa Fe has done an outstanding job in their planning and that there will be no impact to the City of Santa Fe water supply as a result of environmental contamination at LANL.

Secretary Flynn went on to state that for the next year the Environment Department would continue to oversee the aggressive remove of TRU waste at LANL. The goal is to have all above ground TRU waste removed from LANL by June of next year. In less than a year the
Environment Department hopes to see all above ground TRU waste in storage at WIPP and permanently disposed of. The Environment Department also plans by end of 2014 to have all the newly generated TRU waste removed from the LANL site. The Environment Department will continue to aggressively address the groundwater contamination. The two priorities for the Environment Department are TRU waste and groundwater contamination. The general approach that the Environment Department is taking with respect to LANL and our cleanup efforts is to prioritize based on risk. The Environment Department has identified areas of the highest risk and those are its priorities in terms of cleanup work they want done in the short term. He went on to say that they plan to continue this risk based approach as they go forward at LANL. Secretary Designate Flynn stated that one of the biggest challenges is funding and ensuring that adequate funding is appropriated to keep the cleanup work at an aggressive clip. This past year through the work of many of you, our congressional delegation, Governor Martinez, and local legislators an additional 40 million dollars was reprogrammed for the cleanup effort at LANL. He is confident that this never would have happened without the work of the RCLC, our community leaders, our congressional delegation, and all our partners. He talked to a number of people at DOE, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and the White House, and it was unheard of for us to be able to get that reprogrammed funding for LANL. He commended the RCLC for its efforts, but noted this was only a one time fix. The federal budget continues to operate under a continuing resolution, and with a continuing resolution plus sequestration the budget would be smaller than ever, closer to 173 million dollars. He noted that the state, congressional delegation, and Governor Martinez would all prefer to see that number at 255 million dollars. Secretary Designate Flynn again noted his appreciation for everyone’s efforts including our federal leaders and local leaders in advocating for the funding, but we are fighting for funding with a number of other sites. For example, Hanford site in Washington gets 2 billion dollars for their cleanup efforts and Savannah River site in South Carolina gets about 1 billion dollars. He thinks LANL getting that extra 40 million dollars was huge and he thinks everyone would like to see funding stay at about 250 million dollars. President Obama’s budget proposal requested 220 million dollars be appropriated for LANL cleanup. The Environment Department will continue to fight for funding and will continue to work with the RCLC and our congressional leaders to do everything in their power to assure that we are given adequate funding for cleanup at LANL. That the leaders in Washington understand that LANL is extremely important and that it is an extremely important piece of the DOE complex as is WIPP. Hopefully, the necessity of LANL and WIPP to the DOE complex can be used to secure additional funding.

Secretary Designate Flynn stated that the Environment Department has a Consent Order in place and has been operating under the Consent Order that was executed in 2005 the cleanup at LANL was required to be finished by end of 2015. When the Framework Agreement was signed the DOE came forward and acknowledged that it would not be able to meet that deadline. The Environment Departments opinion is that the waste needs to be cleaned up as quickly as possible, but it must be done right. The Consent Order at some point will need to be discussed with the DOE and the public to deal with this deadline and how to appropriately set a new deadline given the reality that the DOE is not going to meet the 2015 date. There are a lot of reasons for the DOE failure to meet the 2015 date, Secretary Designate Flynn is not here on behalf of the DOE nor will he defend the DOE inability to meet the deadline. He did want to say that with any environmental cleanup effort determining when you will be finished with the cleanup is impossible if you have not characterized the nature and extent of the contamination.
So a deadline can be set, but until you can determine the nature and extent of the problem it really is just a guess. When the date was set for 2015, no one knew that there was extensive chromium contamination at LANL. This is the type of unforeseen issue that you do not discover until you get in the field and start doing the sampling and installing the groundwater monitoring network. Secretary Designate Flynn thinks there are a number of issues that caused the DOE not to meet the deadline, but the chromium contamination in his mind is one of the most difficult factors that came into play. When the Consent Order deadline was set in 2005 the Environment Department was not aware of chromium contamination.

Councilor Gonzales asked a question regarding a letter he received from a concerned citizen regarding the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, which monitors LANL wastewater discharges. Where does the Environment Department sit with regards to what stipulations were put in this permit? It is Councilor Gonzales understanding that it was closed on August 13 in regards to permitting. Where does the Environment Department fit in regards to what is contained in the permit? Secretary Designate Flynn responded that the NPDES program is one that the New Mexico Surface Water Bureau does not have primacy over. New Mexico is one of the only states in the United States that does not have primacy to manage that program. So the NPDES program is managed by the EPA Office in Dallas. The Environment Department implements the permit that is developed by EPA. EPA drafts the permit and the conditions; the Environment Department monitors and implements the permit. Councilor Gonzales noted that his concern is that EPA does not operate within the confines of what we see in New Mexico in regards to wildfire and everything that has occurred within and around LANL. So he looks to the Environment Department to be our safeguard and understand what is contained the surface water permit and how restrictive the permit can be. Councilor Gonzales does not want the permit to be so lax that contaminated surface water runs into the canyons and other areas, so he would hope that the Environment Department closely overlooks and sees exactly how the permit is being managed. Secretary Designate Flynn sated that even thought the EPA oversees the permitting program the Environment Departments surface water program is heavily involved in monitoring the surface water quality of rivers, lakes, streams, and springs in New Mexico. The Environment Department engages in a triennial review of our water standards and the use standards for New Mexico surface water and determines if the use standards are appropriate or need to be changed in some way. This review is designed to ensure that the appropriate level of safeguards are in place for all of the surface waters around the state. He also noted that over 35% of surface waters in New Mexico exceed some surface water standard. Impaired waterways are a problem in New Mexico for a variety of reasons including wildfire, surface water runoff from agriculture, and urban area storm water runoff. The Environment Department works on this and takes this issue very seriously even though the EPA manages the program; the Environment Department is the one on the ground here and it is the Environment Departments duty to ensure that they are protecting the citizens of the state and aggressively trying to address the contamination issues for surface waters. Secretary Designate Flynn agreed wholeheartedly with Councilor Gonzales sentiment that the New Mexico Environment Department, because we live here and because we are New Mexico citizens should take this issue very seriously. Secretary Designate Flynn also stated that the Environment Department does take this issue very seriously.

Commissioner Mayfield thanked Secretary Flynn for attending the meeting and stated he enjoyed
the presentation. He asked the Secretary to explain both for his benefit and possibly the
audiences as well, how the chromium contamination at LANL will be remediated in regards to
the Consent Order - especially if there is potential for it to get into water systems?

Secretary Flynn stated that right now the pilot pump and treatment systems were working.
Groundwater is extracted from the wells and sent through a reverse osmosis or ion exchange
system; the water is treated so that it is below all standards and is purified water for all intensive
purposes. Then the water is surface applied throughout the area. This process is generally how a
pump and treat system works. However, understanding the nature of the aquifer and groundwater
velocity and how this will interact with putting this system in place and actually pumping the
water. The pilot stage is to gather data to figure out how the process of removing the water will
affect the flow of the water in the aquifer and the chromium contamination. To ensure that wells
are placed to draw out the most chromium possible. There are other methods in place to address
chromium contamination, but the primary system is the pump and treat system. There are a
variety of ways a pump and treat system can be done; in some cases water is re-injected and
other times like in the pilot system water is being surface applied, but there is very stringent
work in place to ensure that the surface water does not run onto San Ildefonso Pueblo land. The
DOE spent time mapping the archeological sites in the area to ensure that surface application
does not impact the existing archeological sites in the area. Ultimately, there will be a network of
extraction wells in place that will be removing that water treating it through the treatment
system. The treated water will collect in large synthetically lined ponds and then a water hauler
truck will extract the water from the ponds and surface apply it. Commissioner Mayfield asked
whether or not the surface applied water would do any harm to the environment? Secretary
Designate Flynn responded by saying no, the water that is being treated is being treated below
state groundwater quality levels and the way it is applied ensures there is no surface water runoff.
There certainly are impacts anytime you alter the ecology of an area, it would be remiss not to
acknowledge this. For example, if you increase the vegetation in an area there will be increases
in wildlife. So anytime man is involved and altering what is occurring there are impacts, but
from a public health or safety perspective the water is being treated below standards so there are
certainly no public health or safety risks.

Commissioner Mayfield asked in regards to the Consent Order since the Environment
Department was not aware of the chromium contamination at the time will there be opportunities
to renegotiate and add a subset to the Consent Order addressing these chromium issues?
Secretary Designate Flynn responded that the chromium contamination was not something that
was foreseen in the Consent Order but it is a requirement of the Consent Order. The Consent
Order is an umbrella for cleaning up the site. Once the extent of the contamination is
characterized the Consent Order requires the area to be cleaned up. So the chromium is
encompassed within the Consent Order; it is a legal obligation that the DOE must fulfill. When
talking about the Consent Order and any renegotiation of the Consent Order, the Environment
Department, Secretary Martin, and Secretary Designate Flynn understand that it must occur but
have chosen to take a cautious approach to opening the document up. The Environment
Department is pleased with the aggressive way that the DOE has approached the cleanup and
with the progress made. So the Environment Department is not willing to touch the Consent
Order until the goals in the Framework Agreement have been met. One of the problems with the
Consent Order is that when LANL fails to meet a deadline the Environment Department in the
past would issue some very heavy fines on the DOE, as a regulator that is the Environment Departments role. The tension here is that when a fine is issued the payment of the fine comes out of the cleanup budget for the area. The Environment Department has no control of where the money comes, that is decided by the DOE. The Environment Department wants to be performance based, so that every single dollar that has been allocated for cleaning up the environment is spent on cleaning up the environment. So the Environment Department has been trying to work with LANL and rather than using a fine into compliance model use a performance model instead, thus incentivizing performance. Secretary Designate Flynn noted that this approach represented a paradigm shift. This performance based approach seems to have paid off when you consider this past year and a half. Secretary Designate Flynn plans to continue with this performance based model. So that every dollar the DOE allocates for cleanup is spent on cleanup rather than letting the DOE off the hook with a fine, fines do not get cleanup done. Instead funding for LANL often decreases when fines increase. When Secretary Designate Flynn met with the OMB he was told that they had lost confidence in the relationship between the Environment Department and the DOE and that they felt like good money was being thrown down a black hole when it was sent to LANL. At his last meeting with the OMB (the OMB was one of people who had approved the 40 million dollars in reprogrammed funding) he noted that he felt this money that is coming from tax payers is going to be used for its purpose not just set aside for the general fund for the state because of paying fines. Secretary Designate Flynn noted this was how he is approaching the Consent Order, keeping the priority on the performance based approach and if and when the Consent Order is discussed a new schedule is performance based and prioritizes risk. Commissioner Mayfield agreed with Secretary Designate Flynn stating that typically a fine that is levied by the State of New Mexico also goes back to the general fund.

Commissioner Mayfield also noted in regards to the San Ildefonso Pueblo that there is talk of another diversion right at the San Ildefonso Pueblo and the Rio Grande and that is why the chromium contamination is of concern. He also noted that when the Buckman Direct Diversion Project was mentioned it was associated with the City of Santa Fe, but the County of Santa Fe is also a partner in the project.

Commissioner Mayfield asked if Secretary Designate Flynn knew if there were still any American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funds available for site cleanup? Secretary Flynn stated not that he was aware of.

Commissioner Mayfield noted that the RCLC has been great at working in conjunction with the NM Environment Department, the Governor’s office, and our congressional delegation for LANL site cleanup. He noted that he was disturbed to here that other sites are getting billions of dollars in comparison to LANL getting millions of dollars for clean up; when they could just tackle New Mexico with one little swoop of the pen.

Councilor Gonzales tasked the Environment Department and the Governor with regards to the other sites shipping waste to New Mexico. He also noted that he really appreciated the performance-based approach because the majority of New Mexicans that hear LANL was fined - it makes it seem like the fines are easier to pay than it is to do the cleanup. That does not sit well and does not really mean anything especially when the fines come out of the cleanup budget. Councilor Gonzales stated that considering what is coming in from outside sites and what that
means to New Mexico; 20 million dollars to ship waste to New Mexico seems like it means a lot
to New Mexico, but to those sites is really pennies on the dollar.

Secretary Designate Flynn stated he could not agree more and noted that perhaps he was to
subtle, you do not have to task the Governor’s office or him with understanding the pressure
point we have with WIPP and the value of WIPP in the larger DOE network, they are very aware.
Secretary Designate Flynn took exception to the Governor of Washington thinking they were
going to send all of their waste to New Mexico; the same state of Washington stood in the way of
an original 25 million dollar attempt to reprogram funds from the Hanford site toward LANL
cleanup. He did not think Washington at the time understood how important WIPP was for them
and how important the LANL cleanup is for New Mexico, but that point has been delivered load
and clear to the state of Washington. Our congressional delegation is very familiar with these
issues and the position that the state of New Mexico is taking. The Governor’s and the
Environment Department’s priority is cleaning up the mess that is in our backyard and cleaning
up at LANL is first and foremost. While the WIPP is a resource that is available by law to accept
waste from other sites he thinks the rest of the country needs to understand exactly how
important cleaning up New Mexico’s problems are. The Governor is fully aware of that, this
message has been delivered to other states and the DOE, and he believes our congressional
delegation shares the same thought.

Director Sapien noted that the RCLC appreciated Sect. Flynn’s charismatic energy and support
for environmental cleanup in the state of New Mexico. She reiterated that the RCLC feels very
strongly that it was because of the partnership with the local governments across the region, the
Office of the Governor, and also the members of the congressional delegation; that the additional
$40 million was unprecedented. The RCLC is committed to continuing that partnership and
working hand in hand with Secretary Flynn’s Office, the Office of the Governor, as well as with
the NM congressional delegation. Director Sapien also thanked Secretary Flynn for the RCLC
DOE funding drawdown.

Chair Mayor Coss noted that the RCLC wanted to take as much credit as anybody for getting the
additional $40 million for cleanup and as Councilor Gonzales said we really are relying on the
Environment Department as the mediator.

Chair Mayor Coss urged caution in giving up the regulator role and the fining role. He noted he
has been working at this for two years now and he thinks he understands that we are working
under NPDES for surface runoff and then there is the Consent Order. From his perspective it
seems like removing the above ground TRU waste as important as it is; that is the easy part.
When the above ground is removed, then what is under the ground is next. There is already a
chromium plume underground headed toward San Ildefonso Pueblo. When it comes to Area G,
the people of Santa Fe County, Taos County and Rio Arriba County will be totally dependent on
the Environment Department to do the right thing. Chair Mayor Coss noted that he gets a lot of
emails that Area G is going to be like Rocky Flats: cap, cover, and pray. He shares that concern
with his constituents. So as expensive as it is the above ground TRU is the easy part; a chromium
plume or who knows what from the 50’s, 60’s, 70’s, and 80’s, that seems like what the RCLC
will be involved in for a long time. The people of New Mexico and especially the people who are
neighbors to LANL are going to really be reliant on the Environment Department; there is a lot
of concern and it seems the more we scratch the more we find. Chair Mayor Coss stated he was very encouraged by the partnership with the Environment Department, the RCLC and our congressional offices. His experience is that DOE does not care what the RCLC and others say, but when a US Senator says: he is on the budget committee and you think you are going to bring waste to WIPP, I do not think so; 40 million dollars appeared. Chair Mayor Coss stated maybe the US Senator needs to put into the Bechtel contract that fines come out of Bechtel profits not cleanup money. Chair Mayor Coss thanked Secretary Designate Flynn for his expertise in this because we are totally reliant on the Environment Department and how they handle this big mess at LANL.

Chair Mayor Coss asked if NPDES and the Consent Order were it or had he missed anything? Secretary Designate Flynn stated that the Consent Order is the primary vehicle that regulates the cleanup at LANL. He noted that it is a complex site from a regulatory perspective including EPA and the Environment Department.

Secretary Designate Flynn also reiterated the reprogramming of the funding really was the result of a team effort; our congressional delegation really stepped up and deserves credit. He also noted that we have a unique position of leverage with our Consent Order, when Governor Martinez says we are not going to touch the Consent Order or renegotiate a deadline until you address X, Y, and Z; that gets the attention of the DOE. He agreed that it is easier to write a check than it is to cleanup a site.

Councilor Gonzales asked about the Draft NPDES permit is coming, is there ways for the RCLC to get that permit language from the Environment Department? Also is there anything the RCLC can do to show that New Mexico is taking issues with this permit? Washington D.C recognizes that the RCLC is comprised of individuals; each individual represents the voice of thousands of people. Secretary Designate Flynn noted that by law they are required to public notice the document, but he believes a link to the document is posted on the Environment Department webpage. He will get information to Director Sapien on how to access the document. He also acknowledged the technical nature of the document and offered the resources of the Environment Department for any questions.

Chair Mayor Coss thanked Secretary Designate Flynn for talking to the RCLC and congratulated him on his new role.

**Presentation: Helping local businesses access opportunities at Los Alamos National Laboratory**

Chair Mayor Coss introduced Val Alonzo. Mr. Alonzo introduced Johnny Martinez and thanked the RCLC for having them. Mr. Alonzo asked Mr. Martinez to participate because he works closely with the Small Business Program at LANL. Mr. Alonzo is with the Regional Development Corporation, which has quite a few different functions to help businesses in the region. One of the main things they were recently asked to do is to help provide information to small businesses as to how they can work with federal programs and take advantage of opportunities. The Regional Development Corporation has been working with Mr. Martinez and his office and the Small Business Program Office as well. Chris Fresquez was unable to make it today, but maybe he can attend a future meeting. Last December, the Regional Development
Corporation had an event that they invited a lot of small businesses to a particular workout session to educate them on accessing information for federal program opportunities and how to diversify beyond LANL. Not every small business can get a contract at LANL so part of the process is preparing small businesses to look at their local governments, private industry, and state/county governments for opportunities. These entities were invited to attend the event. The Regional Development Corporation will be having another event this October around the same concept. Mr. Alonzo passed the discussion to Mr. Martinez. Mr. Martinez noted that to give some background: it has long been a concern of LANL’s federal customer, the DOE and NNSA, that many of its facilities and the laboratory are as dependent as they are upon them and the federal budget. Basically, it has long been considered an unhealthy situation, when local economies are subject to the ups and downs of federal funding. The approach to economic development has been twofold: through our partners at the Regional Development Corporation, do what can be done to diversify the local economy so that it is less dependent on the federal government (LANL) and at the same time since 2008 given the present economic situation there is a paradox that the interdependency is greater than ever. So Mr. Alonzo and the Regional Development Corporation have been looking at ways to strengthen local businesses abilities to do business with federal entities whether it is LANL or elsewhere. Los Alamos National Security (LANS) has made a commitment from its management for economic development to fund the kinds of activities that Mr. Alonzo was just describing.

Mr. Alonzo noted that he is working with Mayor Lucero and a couple of companies out of Espanola that provide services to federal projects in Texas and other states. They are now looking to expand their 1.5 million dollar investment in Rio Arriba County and looking to hire another 50 employees over the next year or two. They are also partnering with a Native American entity to bid for a project. There are a lot of partnerships the Regional Development Corporation is working with in making those connections; sometimes a smaller business can only do work in a partnership. Mr. Alonzo thanked Mayor Lucero for supporting that.

Director Sapien asked where should the RCLC board members refer their constituents to if they would like to access the services? Mr. Alonzo responded that he should be the point of contact and that he can be found through the Regional Development Corporation site. The Los Alamos Connect program is the backbone for helping small businesses. It is very important to direct people to the website to learn about federal programming and processes. A lot of small businesses want to know how to help federal programs or how federal programs can help them, but have never visited a site to learn about federal processes and procurement. Director Sapien noted that the RCLC is happy to provide a link to Los Alamos connect on its website.

Director Sapien is there anything you do specifically for Pueblo economic development? Mr. Alonzo responded yes, we have helped several Pueblos in partnering for projects at LANL. Mr. Martinez noted that they have initiated a Native American Venture Acceleration Fund, it is a pretty successful program that LANS has been funding called the venture acceleration fund. Qualified businesses can apply for grants to help them expand existing efforts. LANS partnered with the State of New Mexico who matches LANS funding for the Native American Venture Acceleration Fund; nine companies were funded this year.

Chair Mayor Coss stated that this past Monday he went to a series of panel discussions that Mr.
Alonzo also attended; Senator Udall wants to propose in October some legislation to facilitate tech transfer from LANL and Sandia National Laboratory. He was encouraged by this and would like to see the RCLC support that when he gets ready to introduce the legislation. Chair Mayor Coss turned the floor over to Michele Jacquez Ortiz. Ms. Ortiz noted that she had copies of the legislation and would be passing it out to the RCLC and she also had a copy for members of the public to view.

Commissioner Mayfield introduced Eric Vasquez also from the Regional Development Corporation. Commissioner Mayfield was at a meeting where they talked about tech transfer and what can be done for economic development in the region. Mr. Vasquez is a program manager for the Regional Economic Development Initiative (REDI). Seven communities in Northern New Mexico signed on to the initiative five years ago; including the Town of Taos, Taos County, Rio Arriba County, City of Española, Los Alamos County, City of Santa Fe, and Santa Fe County. It is a broad program, considered to be a long term initiative to grow the economy of North Central New Mexico in a way that all community members can agree upon. It was agreed to work on four pillars: work force development, business services, public policy components, and infrastructure. Within these four pillars are four economic clusters: agriculture, technology, media (including film), and green industry. Commissioner Mayfield stated that he was trying to illustrate how everyone in the region is working together on supporting tech transfer. Mr. Vasquez stated so the REDI net grew out of the initiative and the infrastructure pillar because the number one identified need within the region was to develop broadband network, when ARRA funds came available the region pursued them and REDI net was born. Those who live in Taos are a partner in Kit Carson who scored the biggest chunk and so in Taos you will have door to door very soon. Everyone else has Middlemile, that is building the capacity for building tech transfer. A lot of these industries or businesses came up out of LANL or grew up around it. For example, the New Mexico Consortium also based in Los Alamos is working on creating business opportunities which can use technology and research capacity at LANL to actually create new businesses or new business opportunities. We are seeing the first successes growing out of that and one of the first is REDI net or the ability to have that broadband capacity.

Chair Mayor Coss thanked Mr. Alonzo and Mr. Vasquez.

Presentation: Participation in Intergovernmental Summit, Santa Fe County

Chair Mayor Coss introduced Hvtec Miller who will be talking about the intergovernmental summit. Mr. Miller the Intergovernmental Coordinator for Santa Fe County came to address the RCLC in regards to the Santa Fe County upcoming intergovernmental summit. Mr. Miller began by providing a brief history of the summits Santa Fe County participated in and the reason for the summits. In the late 1990’s to the early 2000’s, Santa Fe County began making efforts to put on summits, in particular to include the local area governments; to inform them of regional projects, ideas and initiatives that the county itself was participating in. The goal was to provide an information forum for local area governments. In the early days it was more of a broad reaching event including information on economic development, infrastructure, the understanding of how the County of Santa Fe’s government worked, and how Santa Fe County could work with the surrounding governments. Mr. Miller’s office receives funding from the county to host these events. Since the early days the county has built relationships with the surrounding governments and is now focusing on individual items that take regional cooperation.
The last summit in 2011 focused on public safety, it was an informational and update meeting on the forest fires that had occurred that summer. It was helpful in understanding the different roles that the different governments played with one another, including local governments, the federal governments, and tribal governments. His goal here today at the RCLC is to see how to reach out to the surrounding governments and the residents to provide them information about the RCLC itself. The next summit later this year will consist of subject matter and ideas that the RCLC would like to talk about at the summit. He could also use help determining who should be at the table for this summit. The previous summits were more localized to the tri-county area consisting of Santa Fe County, Rio Arriba County, and Los Alamos County. However the RCLC reaches beyond that to the north all the way to Taos County. So it would help the county to know who should be invited from the expanded region that the RCLC represents.

Mr. Miller also wanted to add that he had been attending a symposium the past few days in Pojoaque regarding Indian Water Rights settlements. The symposium included participants from all over the Western United States. It was good to see for our region in particular that the governments have this ongoing and familiar relationship with one another. It showed at the symposium that there was this communication with one another was there; which, helped with the water settlement issues in this region. Participants at the symposium applauded Santa Fe County for taking steps in being cooperative with our regional governments on this issue. The County of Santa Fe does the same thing for all the regional efforts in the area that they participate in, and it is very important for the area that information about what the RCLC is doing is provided to the area residents. Mr. Miller opened the floor for specific direction from the RCLC and a point of contact to work with at the RCLC on this idea.

Commissioner Mayfield thanked Mr. Miller for his presentation. He asked Mr. Miller to touch on the Pueblo participation in the summit. Mr. Miller stated that at the 2011 summit, tribal governments had a large part in the efforts to combat the fires, and were helpful in sharing information about how they cooperated with fire efforts. Having the tribal governments participate in the summits is very important as they are key players in the economics of the area and they are large land holders within the area as well. All the regional efforts including: infrastructure, public safety, and economic development; include the tribal governments and it is important to have them at the table.

Commissioner Mayfield thanked Mr. Miller and noted that this was one of the reasons he would like to see the RCLC merged with the summit to help the RCLC efforts of increasing tribal participation in the RCLC.

Chair Mayor Coss noted that it might be good to have Governor Aguilar come to the summit and give the San Ildefonso Pueblo perspective on chromium. Commissioner Mayfield noted that the Chair Mayor Coss had a good point about what the Secretary Designate Flynn had just brought up about chromium and getting all the neighboring communities at the same table talking about the chromium issue and talking to the DOE and the Northern New Mexico Citizens Advisory Board (NNMCAB) about this issue.

Chair Mayor Coss suggested the NNMCAB, Buckman Direct Diversion Project, and San Ildefonso Pueblo could make presentations on how the various entities are trying to understand
and deal with environmental contamination issues. Chair Mayor Coss directed Mr. Miller to ask Alex Puglisi about this topic because he is a member of the NNMCAB and is in environmental compliance with the City of Santa Fe. This kind of presentation would give all the entities attending the summit, some who may not be familiar with the RCLC, an idea of what the RCLC has been doing around cleanup.

Chair Mayor Coss thanked Mr. Miller for his presentation. Mr. Miller thanked the RCLC for the opportunity.

**Election of RCLC Board Officers**
Chair Mayor Coss asked what order the board would like to do elections in. Commissioner Mayfield stated that he thought they should start with Chair, then Vice-Chair, and then Secretary/Treasurer. He also noted that Mayor Coss had done a great job as chair.

Chair Mayor Coss opened with his willingness to continue to serve as chair and asked for the RCLC support to be the chair; with the caveat that he would not be able to serve a full term since he will not be seeking reelection. He was initially brought in to the RCLC by Councilor Romero who has since left. Mayor Coss has been convinced that is really important for local government and elected officials to pay attention to these issues and become informed on these issues; also to work with our congressional delegation, the national laboratories and each other on issues around LANL. He has said it is really hard for Santa Fe to think of itself as a LANL community, but it is a 2 billion dollar industry that has affected every facet of our lives and economy for 70 years. If he is Chair Mayor Coss would like to continue to focus on cleanup and the fight for funding. One thing that has impressed him the most is that the fight brought in 40 million dollars, which is half of Mayor Coss’s general fund budget for the year. LANL is a huge entity and he thinks local governments need to pay attention to it. He also thinks there are some economic opportunities from having a national laboratory in our region that we need to know more about and work on. Mayor Coss thinks of CleanAir Systems that is now owned by Caterpillar© that represents 120 jobs and funding a welding program in Santa Fe; good examples of technology transfer that has lead to successful business in Santa Fe. He has been told by friends and former colleagues that he is a shill for LANL and they wish he would just quit the whole thing. He does not think he can do that, as Mayor, he felt this recession. When 500 people lose their jobs you notice it. So he has great concern with the nuclear weapons industry, with Bechtel as the manager, and with the sheer density of the federal government and how hard it is to find what lever to push. He is increasing encouraged that we have two US Senators that do know what levers to push. Mayor Coss thinks our strongest efforts should be is working with our congressional delegation on all of these issues; the environment, the economy, or just what is our role as Northern New Mexicans with the nuclear weapons research facility in our backyard. Mayor Coss would ask for the support of the RCLC to continue to serve as chair until March.

Commissioner Montoya nominated Mayor Coss to continue as chair he noted that Mayor Coss had done an excellent job as chair. Commissioner Mayfield seconded the motion.

The floor was opened for discussion.

Councilor Gonzales added his endorsement to Mayor Coss’s nomination to serve as chair. He
noted that he like Mayor Coss serves a very diverse community and faced similar situations with the RCLC lobbying for the national laboratories and primarily LANL. The RCLC primary mission is for cleanup and focuses 100% on cleanup which is where Councilor Gonzales feelings are. This is why he expressed to Secretary Designate Flynn if there was anything that they could do as local governments to help and enable the State of New Mexico to tighten up the belt and really make it clear and evident that local governments are paying attention and that we expect that the Environment Department is to. That is what this RCLC mission is, even though coalitions in the past have negated from that and gone a different direction; having Mayor Coss as our chair, recognizing the diversity of our state, has been huge opportunity that you have made it perfectly clear that the RCLC mission is cleanup.

Mayor Lucero stated that she has been very please with Mayor Coss’s work and his leading the RCLC as chair. Mayor Lucero went on to state that she would like to move that the nominations cease and that Mayor Coss be elected by acclamation. XX seconded the motion. The members unanimously approved the motion.

Chair Mayor Coss thanked everyone and noted it is really an honor and a privilege and he looks forward to the next six months.

Chair Mayor Coss opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Vice-Chair Mayor Lucero has been holding the Vice-Chair position since last year and the responsibility that goes with it. Mayor Lucero noted that the work of the RCLC is very important. Unlike Chair Mayor Coss, she still has not made a decision if she is going to run for re-election next March or not. She would like to refrain from continuing as the Vice-Chair because she thinks it is important to have someone in that position that will provide continuity, someone who is not up for reelection. She will continue to work as hard as she has in the past for the RCLC and the mission that it has.

Mayor Lucero went on to nominate Commissioner Danny Mayfield as the Vice-Chair. Councilor Gonzales and Councilor Berting seconded the nomination.

The floor was opened for discussion.

Commissioner Mayfield thanked all of his colleagues at the RCLC and acknowledged that Mayor Lucero did a phenomenal job and thanked her for her work noting that she would be hard to follow. He also stated that he shared Chair Mayor Coss’s comments on the work the RCLC is doing. He believes environmental cleanup is paramount for what the RCLC is doing, in the economic development opportunities that we have at the LANL, and he has advocated for our region to consider the educational components that are involved, it is paramount that we educate our future. He appreciates the nomination and looks forward to the work that the RCLC has been doing and its continued success.

Councilor Berting stated that Commissioner Mayfield would do a good job because he is very active in the RCLC. His hard work makes him an excellent choice for Vice-Chair.
Chair Mayor Coss asked for any other nominations. Mayor Lucero made a motion to cease nominations and elect Commissioner Mayfield. Councilor Berting seconded the motion. The members unanimously approved the motion.

Chair Mayor Coss noted he was very encouraged at Commissioner Mayfield’s participation and thanked Mayor Lucero stating that the best news he had heard was that she had not decided not to run. He also acknowledged it had been really great serving with Mayor Lucero.

Commissioner Mayfield asked Chair Mayor Coss if he could resign now as the Secretary/Treasurer of the RCLC. Chair Mayor Coss accepted Commissioner Mayfield’s resignation.

Chair Mayor Coss opened the floor for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer.

Commissioner Mayfield has followed the activities of the RCLC over the last two years and has recognized the contributions of many members on the RCLC. Councilor Gonzales has done a great job for the Town of Taos.

With that in mind Commissioner Mayfield nominated Councilor Gonzales to serve as Secretary/Treasurer noting that he would be a great addition to the board. Mayor Lucero seconded the nomination.

The floor was opened for discussion.

Councilor Gonzales stated that the nomination was a big surprise and thanked Commissioner Mayfield. He accepted the nomination and stated that he has really done his best to entangle himself with the RCLC with regards to everything that is happening at LANL. As it has been put in the past when LANL sneezes, Northern New Mexico catches the cold. He stated that concerns him and he wants to fight for comprehensive cleanup not just a cover-up.

Chair Mayor Coss asked for any additional discussion.

Chair Mayor Coss stated that there was a motion and a second to elect Councilor Gonzales as Secretary/Treasurer of the RCLC. The members unanimously approved the motion.

Chair Mayor Coss congratulated Councilor Gonzales on his new role as Secretary/Treasurer.

**Executive Director Update**

Director Sapien congratulated the newly elected officers of the RCLC. She noted that the officers were wonderful choices and had already shown leadership to the RCLC.

Director Sapien gave the floor to the representatives from the U.S. Senators offices should they have any other information to share with the RCLC.

Michele Jacquez Ortiz from Senator Udall’s office noted she was speaking on behalf of the delegation representatives that were present. She stated that they would miss Director Sapien so
much and thanked her for the incredible job she did as Executive Director. She went on to say that they hoped Director Sapien stayed plugged into the work of the RCLC. She thanked Chair Mayor Coss for opening the Senator’s Tech Transfer conference and for his strong leadership both as Mayor and with the RCLC. She noted that he is a very strong voice for cleanup issues and ensuring the economic health of Northern New Mexico as it relates to LANL. She congratulated Mayor Coss on continuing as chair and the other newly elected officers. She stated on behalf of the delegation we look forward to working with the RCLC over the next year and identifying ways we could truly support what is in the best efforts of Northern New Mexico and LANL.

Director Sapien requested approval of the RCLC board to add links to the RCLC webpage for economic development to the REDI initiative and Los Alamos Connect. Links could also be provided to any planning activities regarding the Intergovernmental Summit.

- **Update on Issuance of RFP for Executive Director Services:**
  Director Sapien stated that the RFP is circulating now and is available to the public. The RFP is included in the board packet and materials in the board packet are available on the RCLC website. The RFP is circulating in the Albuquerque Journal, it will run in the Monitor on Sunday, and it will run in the Santa Fe Reporter as well. Proposals are due by September 13, 2013. The RCLC also reached out to representatives from the Association of Counties and the New Mexico Municipal League to circulate to their members. The notice of the RFP has been circulated to everyone who has ever received the RCLC e-list. Director Sapien noted that Brian Bosshardt is the point of contact for the RFP and opened the floor for his comments.

  Mr. Bosshardt noted that proposals are due September 13, 2013. He noted that the regular board meeting for the RCLC is September 20th. Since there is probably not enough time to interview candidates before the regular board meeting. He asked the RCLC to consider holding a special board meeting in October for the sole purpose of interviewing your candidates for executive director services. Otherwise they would have to wait until the regular board meeting in October to do anything.

  Councilor Gonzales agreed that it was an excellent idea to have that special board meeting in between.

  Commissioner Mayfield suggested the first week in October. Mr. Bosshardt suggested October 4th as the date for the special board meeting.

  Director Sapien thanked Mr. Bosshardt and Los Alamos County for their efforts in getting the RFP issued; as well as for being the entity that will step up during the transition period.

- **DOE Funding:**
  Director Sapien noted that one of the items the MVM Group was tasked with before the end of the MVM contract was the drawdown of the DOE funding. The drawdown is still
in process and Director Sapien will remain on contract until the funding is completed. She noted that she has been working closely with NMED in the last few weeks to get that done.

- **RCLC Receipts and Disbursements:**
  Director Sapien noted that thanks to Mr. Bosshardt the summary of receipts and disbursements to date is included. Director Sapien noted that she had good news, the City of Espanola’s check is in. The RCLC is still awaiting payment from: Rio Arriba County and the County of Taos, otherwise everyone else paid their dues. So the RCLC should have a cash balance of over 237 thousand dollars in the upcoming year to do great work.

- **Final Report & Special Presentation:**
  Director Sapien stated that the MVM Contract requires a final report. That is going to be made available to the RCLC in hardcopy and online. The report includes an overview of the past year, recommended steps for next year, as well as highlights of some of the work that has been done.

  Director Sapien handed out small gifts to all the board members as a thank you. She stated that it has been an honor to serve as the Executive Director of the RCLC and she appreciated the opportunity. It is truly an honor to serve the people, like the members of this board who are true public servants. Public service is a noble calling, and it is hard to see it in the context of the monthly meetings, but Director Sapien got a behind the scenes view in Washington with board members doing eight meetings a day in Washington. Director Sapien gave Chair Mayor Coss, a Zuni sun symbol painting, as something to remind him of the important work he is doing at the RCLC and protecting the environment for Northern New Mexico. She gave kachina doll paintings, the Navajo deity, to Commissioner Mayfield, noting that she thinks he is playing a really important role in the legacy of our communities. Mayor Lucero also received a kachina doll painting; Director Sapien acknowledged her as a good friend and colleague, who is a true leader and on call whenever needed. Director Sapien thanked the other members of the board giving them Zia sun paintings. Acknowledging Councilor Gonzales as a wonderful leader for the people of Taos and thanking Commissioner Montoya for his leadership and always thinking of the people that you work for. Director Sapien also gave Zia sun paintings to Harry Burgess and Brian Bosshardt, who played an integral role in the transition of the MVM Group in leading the executive director office and really have the best interests at heart of the region and the community of Los Alamos. Director Sapien also provided gifts to the colleagues of the board members that perform RCLC work as well.

  Director Sapien closed her final Executive Director report.

  Councilor Gonzales formally thanked the MVM Group, DeAnza and Yasine for the work they have done behind the scenes, their connections, and insight will prove to be invaluable for years to come. He thanked Director Sapien for being the first Executive Director and for the work that she did for the RCLC and the friendship that you provided to each and every one of us. He noted that she was a great asset and great resource.
anytime he had a question. Councilor Gonzales hoped that they would cross paths again in the future.

Mayor Lucero thanked DeAnza on behalf of the City of Espanola for all her hard work. She noted that Yasine and Lillian, have been a great support to the RCLC and all the entities that participate. Mayor Lucero noted that DeAnza had brought the RCLC to where it was today. We have benefited from your contacts and expertise, the RCLC would not be as far as it is today without your leadership. Thank you very much.

Councilor Berting commended DeAnza, Yasine, and her cohorts for getting the RCLC going, being the first organizer, and getting everything put together for the RCLC meetings. Councilor Berting noted that she thought DeAnza had done an excellent job and that she would definitely be missed. On behalf of Los Alamos County we really thank you and wish you well in what you are about to do. Continue to communicate with the RCLC and we will certainly communicate with you. We do not want to say goodbye.

Commissioner Mayfield thanked the MVM Group and especially Director Sapien. He noted you are the one I worked with, the one I would call and email all the time at all hours. You are very responsive and professional. Commissioner Mayfield thanked her for what she taught him, noted he had benefited a great deal from her, and would still be calling her. So DeAnza thank you for all your work.

Councilor Berting also made one further note and commended DeAnza for being a night owl. If you email her at 11:00 at night or 1:00 in the morning you get an immediate answer.

Commissioner Montoya wanted to advance everything that was said about DeAnza and her partners. Commissioner Montoya truly appreciates how well organized the RCLC has been. He remembered the early years and how difficult it was to get any traction in the RCLC. When DeAnza started on her contract the RCLC saw an immediate difference; extremely organized and no problems with our meetings. Your contacts have proven to be very beneficial. Commissioner Montoya recognized DeAnza as a true professional; you will do well in whatever other work you pursue. You have left a lasting impression on all of us and we thank you for all of your hard work.

Chair Mayor Coss stated that he wanted to thank DeAnza too. He echoed what the other committee members have said about how organized the RCLC has been and how far the RCLC has gotten. Chair Mayor Coss noted he really appreciated her counseling, guidance, and the work that she has done. While the RCLC searches for a new director Chair Mayor Coss wanted to thank Los Alamos County, Sharron Stover, Councilor Berting, Harry Burgess and Brian Bosshardt because they have done a lot of work to keep the RCLC moving. DeAnza we will miss you as our Executive Director, thank you for everything that you and the MVM Group have done for us.

Director Sapien thanked everyone and thanked the RCLC for the opportunity. As a daughter of Northern New Mexico, this is her home and she will continue to advocate on
behalf of the RCLC. She recognized that members of the public do not get to see the hard work of the RCLC and the good intentions of the Board. The local elected officials truly want the best for the people of this community. That also goes for the RCLC partners and friends in the region including: LANL and Johnny Martinez who is here and has been an excellent resource, Carlos and Menice from the NNMCAB, Eric Vasquez with the Regional Development Corporation, Liddie Martinez with the LANL subcontractors, Alex Puglisi with the City of Santa Fe, Don Ami with NNSA, and DOE who have come with good intentions and with great hopes for the people of our communities.

**Public Comment**

Chair Mayor Coss opened the floor to Public Comment.

Ray Baca Executive Director of the New Mexico Building and Construction Trades Council represents all of the construction trade unions in the State of New Mexico. There were a couple of comments made earlier that perhaps this group is too close to LANL with regards to certain issues. He noted that the council gets put in that same light sometimes as well. He wanted to remind everyone over the course of the last 70 years that there has been tens of thousands of construction workers that have worked in and around LANL. An unfortunate number of those workers have become ill with various illnesses. He is happy to report that while not everything is as 100% as we like to see it with regards to those issues; LANL has worked very closely with us and our concerns. The council currently has about 800 workers who are represented onsite, construction and maintenance workers, and the council feels like their safety is of the utmost importance to all of us. When the council negotiates with LANL, the DOE, and Bechtel first and foremost it is about the safety of those workers not money. He noted that he thinks these groups are doing a good job with that and listening to the council’s concerns. He asked the RCLC to continue to look at tech transfer and other areas to improve the economic development of the area, but please let’s not forget about those thousands of construction workers and people that do not want to work behind a computer but with their hands. This is as big a component as is anything else in regards to regional development. Lastly, Mr. Baca offered his help to the RCLC asking the RCLC to consider something called public private partnerships or P3. These are a big economic driver in many parts of the country and done correctly they could be a big boost to the area economy as a whole. Mr. Baca would lend his advice to the RCLC if at anytime they would like to talk about those in particular in the future or any other subject. He noted he appreciated DeAnza’s help and the whole RCLC. He thinks the RCLC has done some tremendous work and the council looks forward to working with the RCLC in the future.

DeAnza thanked Ray Baca for his leadership and apologized for missing him in her initial thanking of key RCLC Partners. The work of the New Mexico Building and Construction Trades Council has been key to the success of the RCLC.

Liddie Martinez representing the LANL Subcontractor’s Consortium wanted to provide some information. About every 18 to 24 months over the last four years the consortium puts together a grant pool and starts funding for nonprofit organizations that support economic development in the region. Even though in the course of the last 18 months as you are all very aware the contractors have had a very large hit because of the turn in the economy and the slowdown in the work that is happening at LANL. The consortium is still very committed to the community, so
they decided to go ahead and put their next run of funding out. The consortium is partnering with LANS who is matching the consortiums dollars, making 100 thousand dollars available to award in this next cycle. Applications will be accepted through September 15, 2013. Applications are posted now on the website for the Regional Development Corporation and the New Mexico Community Foundation. Ms. Martinez noted that everyone who represents the area that the consortium funds know a lot of nonprofits in the area that support the economic development of the region, so please encourage them to apply. The consortium has had lots of success in the past; funding the railroad project for the farmers market, the community kitchen in Taos, the Taos entrepreneurial network, and the fiber arts center in Espanola. Please help spread the word and let nonprofits know that the applications are available.

Eric Cirshner nuclear engineer turned social engineer while doing his graduate work, thanked the members of the RCLC and especially his representative Councilor Gonzales and noted that he is glad to hear the focus is on cleanup. He was not going to speak here, but he heard some things that were a little bit troubling and really wanted to present them to the RCLC. He is glad that the RCLC is trying to work together and cooperate to solve real problems. He shared a quote from Stewart Udall in the New York Times in 1999, what he said was: the atomic weapons race and the secrecy surrounding it crushed American democracy. Mr. Udall said in interview it induced us to conduct government according to lies, it distorted justice, it undermined American morality. This is what Mr. Cirshner wanted to address today. The biggest myth and Stewart Udall wrote a book called the, Myths of August. Is the myth that weapons produce economic development and that LANL is an economic driver; that is just false and it comes out of the inability to have a reasonable discussion. It came home to Mr. Cirshner when we talked about Udall the son bringing home 40 million dollars for cleanup; while at the same time insisting on another 160 million dollars that the Obama Administration had vetoed to make the B-62 more effective. Where are we going with this. In terms of economic development you cannot look at money to determine whether it benefits a community. Mr. Cirshner looks at the 40 million dollars as a project that drills for oil in a place where there might actually be oil; the 160 million dollars is what you get when you look at money rather than the end product, where you drill holes in a dry area you get no product from that. It is Nietzsche the Hawk in 1998 said even if we have to give up nuclear weapons unilaterally we are better off doing it. Seven trillion dollars has been spent in dry holes, we put all this contaminate stuff in our neighborhoods and we are still trying to delude ourselves that the stuff is somehow a benefit. So please understand the economics behind this and stop perpetuating this myth and these lies about the economic dollars coming to LANL. The Los Alamos Study Group has a chart that plots over time the money that LANL has received and where Los Alamos stands in median national income we were once 34th and the more money that LANL gets the poorer the rest of us become. These nuclear weapons expenditures are transfer payments, they are not an economic investment they are taking our good minds, ten thousand people, getting them to do nonsense when these people could be working on improving agriculture, education, and medical service. Quit wasting this money.

Margarita Denevan like Eric Cirshner I did not plan to speak. Most of Ms. Denevan’s questions are directed to Secretary Designate Flynn. He spoke of short term disposal of TRU waste and seemed very proud of the fact that we are moving all this waste from this place to that place. Ms. Denevan would like the RCLC to think about it, he is moving waste from one place on our planet to another place on our planet. It is not being disposed of it is being moved. The State of
Washington is thinking it is very easy to move their waste to New Mexico. She remembers hearing several years ago France was shipping their waste to New Mexico. That is pretty disturbing to say the least. Secretary Designate Flynn said we really need to understand exactly what the problem is and that it was unforeseen that there would be this chromium problem with the water that is flowing toward San Ildefonso. There are so many problems with the nuclear industry that we can claim are unforeseen and therefore we cannot take responsibility that we are not handling it because it was unforeseen. He went on to mention that they are concentrating on the high risk, Ms. Denevan would like to say there is no such thing as a low risk in nuclear industry. Stop and think about the latest information from Japan; there is has been tons and tons of nuclear waste flowing into our Pacific Ocean every single day and it is still going on and they still do not know what to do about it. So when you talk about funds please listen to Eric, do not waste our money. You are spending this money and she is sure that every single one of you is very committed. You are spending money and trying to get more money to clear up waste, at the same time that LANL is producing more waste. The contract says that it is to protect the citizens of New Mexico; at the same time that contract says that LANL is to continue producing plutonium pits. Which means more waste; so if you are having trouble trying to find money to clear up the waste that exists now where are you going to get the money to clear up the waste you are proposing to produce every day. Ms. Denevan is so glad that Eric quoted Stewart Udall, she would also like to quote him. President Obama said he wanted a nuclear free world at the same time he and Senator Udall demand that we put more of our tax money into producing weapons that when you come down to it can never be used. Everyone knows that if you use those weapons they do not just go away. Secretary Designate Flynn mentioned the contaminated water being taken care of; Ms. Denevan does not think you can decontaminate water that has been contaminated by nuclear waste. Ms. Denevan asked everyone and specifically the gentleman that spoke on the importance of jobs, what do you want to leave your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren besides money? How about safe water to drink, safe air to breath; we can always find different ways to produce money. To the gentleman that was talking about jobs, there are a lot of jobs produced by the nuclear industry, but there are thousands more jobs that could be produced by green energy. If New Mexico concentrated on using our wind and our sun, we could provide more jobs than the nuclear industry. She also noted that she was so glad to see the sham, bogus, horrible thing about the funding and the fines; that the fines are paid from the very fund that is supposed to be cleaning up the waste. Why it was never said that the people making the mistakes should pay, why is Bechtel not required to pay the fine? It makes sense that if the fines are paid out of the funds to cleanup then there are less funds to cleanup. So the solution is do not fine, if there are no fines on the record there were no mistakes made; so Ms. Denevan thinks from the beginning that the fact that was put into the contract was to see to it that Bechtel did not lose a penny of its profits.

Commissioner Montoya left the meeting.

Carlos Valdez chair of the NNMCAB stated that DeAnza would be missed and thanked her for her work on the RCLC. He wanted to mention a couple of things, first the handout/fact sheet (Material Disposal Areas and the Threat of Wildfire) that was passed out. This fact sheet came about in March when the NNMCAB unanimously passed a recommendation asking LANL to review the MDA in addition to TA-54 for any risk associated with wild fire. This fact sheet is really good information as to what LANL is doing for wildfire management on LANL property.
The other thing he wanted to mention were a couple of very important meetings coming up for the NNMCAB. One on September 10th from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Cities of Gold, will have a presentation by Secretary Designate Flynn and a representative from DOE Washington will also be attending. A recommendation was submitted to DOE Washington, now that the Framework Agreement was successful it is time to sit down and renegotiate or set new priorities on what is left on the Consent Order. The meeting on September 10th is going to be a kickoff for discussion of this recommendation. On September 25th the NNMCAB will have a full board meeting in Taos at the Sagebrush Inn. WIPP will be coming to make a presentation in light of all the waste that is being moved into WIPP and the fact that there are a lot of entities out there in the country that want to ship additional waste to WIPP, the NNMCAB is having WIPP come give a presentation.

Don Ami from Los Alamos NNSA noted that Geoffrey Beausoleil the acting manager for Los Alamos sends his regards; he was unable to make it today. He is serving as the acting for Los Alamos at the same time he is continuing to fulfill his role as full time manager at Sandia. As you can imagine he has his hands very full. Mr. Ami congratulated the newly elected officers for the RCLC; he noted that it is a standout group that will be doing a great job going into the future. He took the opportunity from the perspective of the DOE and NNSA to thank DeAnza for her service to the RCLC, she has done a swell job in putting the operation together and making the RCLC mission known in the region as well as in Washington D.C. Were it not for the participation of the RCLC he is not sure the reprogramming could have been accomplished. If the RCLC feels that it has not made any progress, the RCLC should look at its accomplishments because those are stellar accomplishments. He wished the RCLC the best going forward with the new executive director whoever they might be. He wanted to let the RCLC know that the United States, the DOE, and NNSA continues to be engaged and concerned. Mr. Moniz has been appointed as the new Secretary for the Department of Energy who oversees NNSA functions. He will be planning to visit the sites in New Mexico including Sandia very early on next month. It shows his colors that he is interested in the work that New Mexico does and is concerned about the comments and perspective of the community on how LANL continues to operate. Mr. Held was appointed the Acting Administrator for NNSA, one of the first trips he made from Washington D.C. was to LANL to address the workers both at LANL and the department level to express what he would like to accomplish during his tenure in the acting capacity. The administration has submitted a name going forward to be considered by the Senate for the administrator for NNSA. We are hoping for the best to come out of that discussion and the nomination process.

Jeanne Green from Taos clarified the amount of dollars reprogrammed for cleanup and thanked the RCLC for the $40 million that is going to cleanup. She prepared a statement and made copies so the RCLC can read it. Part of the reason that people have suspicions about the RCLC is what happened at Rocky Flats and the Rocky Flats Coalition of local governments and how that ended up not really protecting the public in that cleanup. So there is that background and some of that is delineated in the copy of her statement provided. In the deal made at Rocky Flats most of the $7 billion dollars for cleanup went to site security, relocation of weapons grade materials, removal of production waste, and demolition of buildings that were entombed in earth where they once stood. Actual soil and water cleanup was allotted seven percent of the total. The maximum for this was 473 million dollars while Kaiser Hill, cleanup contractor, pocketed 560 million dollars for finishing early and under budget. Please do not allow what happened in the Rocky Flats so
called cleanup to happen here. We are already repeatedly hearing the code words of speaking with one voice, long term stewardship, and risk based end state. As emphasized in works by Seth Kirshenberg and David Ableson long term stewardship means local governments end up with the remediation bill in the long run while private contractors get off scot-free and local citizens end up with cancer. The public has yet to hear any recommendations from the RCLC to LANL, the DOE, or EPA regarding a viable cleanup plan. What is the RCLC stand on cap and cover? What is your stand on using PF4 for plutonium production given the letter from the Defense Nuclear Facility Safety Board declaring PF4 to be unsafe due to earthquake vulnerabilities? What is the RCLC stand on the recently released draft NPDES permit for wastewater discharges at LANL? Ms. Green stated she would like a formal written response to these questions. The draft of the new wastewater discharge permit does not require protective analytical methods for PCB and would effectively allow for discharges 300 times over the New Mexico PCB water quality standard. It allows for ongoing impairment of most of the streams within LANL, which means that the streams are not meeting water quality standards. It does not protect intermittent streams, because of the ongoing drought and wildfires when it does rain there is increased erosion and flooding in the canyons. Some of the canyons flow to the Rio Grande upstream of where Santa Fe and Albuquerque divert water from the river for drinking water. Where do you stand on this permit? Ms. Green does feel encouraged by your tough questions to the New Mexico Environment Department. You should know that they check the streams here once every eight years. The well casings that are used in these tests are not sufficient, they cake-up with mud, clay, and they do not test properly. If you would please look into this, investigate this do not just take their word that everything is fine and they are doing their best. One last issue, in the July Meeting Minutes the RCLC was acknowledged for their support in passage in the US House of the Manhattan Historical Park bill. How much money is involved in this project; do any of you know? The congressional budget office estimates 21 million dollars for startup, 4 million dollars annually, and 750 thousand dollars for the management plan. That money would be better spent on protecting the health of your constituents as well compensating the victims of LANL egregious history of contamination. That money would be better spent on a follow-up dose reconstruction project for the Los Alamos Historical Document Retrieval and Assessment (LAHDRA) project; the document identified the enormous past releases of radionuclides and chemicals at LANL, but fell short of dose reconstruction. The public has a right to know what it has been exposed to; the Pueblos have a right to know. If you are going to advocate for cleanup please be careful this uncontested adding to your mission statement that you would promote LANL overall mission betrays us. With the approximately 250 thousand dollars being spent on the RCLC, please be careful that you are promoting cleanup, that is what we need in New Mexico. We need jobs in cleanup not in nuclear weapons production, there are enough nuclear weapons. Ms. Green reiterated that she would like a written answer to these questions. She thanked DeAnza for her hard work and for being very professional.

Marilyn Roth a resident of Taos County thanked DeAnza for her work and stated she was sorry to see DeAnza go. She was also struck by the PowerPoint presentation given to the Taos town council not long ago. In the PowerPoint presentation there was the statement that the RCLC supports the LANL mission and was committed to lobbying in favor of the LANL mission. If this is not the case please take it out of your PowerPoint presentation because LANL mission is making nuclear weapons. They want to redesign the B-61 bomber to make it useable; now Ms. Roth sincerely hopes that you do not support a mission that makes nukes that are useable.
These useable nukes are supposedly smaller, but they are still more powerful than the bombs that decimated Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Rather than support the LANL mission, she would like the RCLC to read a book titled, “Full Body Burden” by Kristen Iverson which talks about what it was like to live in the shadow of Rocky Flats and what it is like when there is a plutonium fire. What LANL is doing is playing with plutonium which can catch fire by sitting there at room temperature. It is the most dangerous thing on earth and can make this whole area uninhabitable. This was a big thing on several occasions at Rocky Flats. Please she would ask if you want to take on more mission; have your mission be a complete health survey of all of the down-winders and down-streamers of LANL and have it publicized so the public knows what horrible health results there are from playing with plutonium at LANL. She appreciates that the RCLC is well intentioned and wants to get LANL cleaned up, but she thinks that the RCLC really needs to understand that making more nuclear weapons in this world is simply untenable.

Chair Mayor Coss thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 11:45am.
EM’s FY 2014 Appropriations Outlook

Office of Environmental Management –
Terry Tyborowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Program Planning and Budget

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EM’s FY 2014 Budget Request - $5.622B: Funding by Site

River Protection $1,210M

Savannah River $1,209M

Richland $993M

Oak Ridge $413M

Idaho $370M

Paducah $322M

Los Alamos National Laboratory $220M

Program Direction $281M

Carlsbad $208M

Nevada Demonstration Project $66M

Moab $36M

SPRU $24M

Other $56M

Portsmouth $152M

West Valley Demonstration Project $66M

Other $56M
DOE’s FY 2014 budget request is publicly released

House and Senate consider budget bills

Congress passes CR through Jan. 15, 2014

March 19 – EM-1 testifies before House Energy & Water Comm. on the EM program

Sep. 30th – Deadline for Congress to pass an appropriation for FY 14
The FY 2014 Continuing Resolution will be one of the most challenging in recent EM history.

Relative to FY 2012, EM’s available funding has decreased by nearly $1 billion.

This decrease is roughly equivalent to the annual budget of a large site like River Protection or Savannah River.
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Challenges to Passing Final FY 2014 Budgets

- Lapse in Appropriations
  - October 1 - October 17, 2013

- Continuing Resolution
  - October 1, 2013 – January 15, 2014 at FY 2013 funding levels

- Debt Ceiling Negotiations

- Sequestration
Discretionary Spending Targets

- Overall discretionary cap of $1.058T:
  - House budget provides $972B
  - Senate budget provides $1.12T

- EM FY 2014 Request of $5.622B:
  - House Mark provides $5.531B
  - Senate Mark provides $5.934B
Looking Into the Future
Projected Timeline for EM’s FY 2015 Budget Request

1st Monday in February – President submits budget request to Congress

House and Senate consider budget bills

Sep. 30th – Congress passes appropriation bills


History of Energy and Water Appropriation Bills in Election Years

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Strategic Planning Initiatives
Program Progress to Date

Key: CH-TRU = contact handled transuranic waste, HLW = high level waste, LLW = low level waste, M/LLW = mixed/low level waste, MTHM = metric tons of heavy metal, Pu = plutonium, RH-TRU = remote handled transuranic waste, SNF = spent nuclear fuel
EM’s funding is divided between two main categories: The costs of maintaining a safe, secure and operations ready posture ("Maintenance Dollars") and the costs of performing active cleanup work ("Progress Dollars").

- Funding reductions disproportionately impact “Progress Dollars,” since maintenance costs are largely fixed.
- High maintenance costs are driven in part by the 78 Hazard Category 2 and 3 Nuclear Facilities managed by EM (more than any other DOE program).
Path Forward

- Complete evaluation of infrastructure and maintenance activities in order to:
  - Identify specific activities
  - Understand requirements driving those activities
  - Compare information/best practices across sites

- Evaluate effectiveness of improvements on an annual basis, propose improvements to the initiatives, and implement best practices complex-wide
EM is developing a timeline that will show historical accomplishments at each site and tell the story of the EM mission.

The timeline will be viewable at the complex level and will also be viewable by site, by state, and by mission area.

Links to videos, photos, documents, presentations, and other materials for each event will provide a wide range of historical information in one centralized location.

The timeline is not a static application and will be updated as accomplishments warrant. Planned, future events may be added at a later time.
Intergovernmental Groups

• Support Funding for EM – need to develop a path to consistent funding
• Communicate on all issues with the entities
• Meet commitments in Federal Facility Agreements
• Clear Role in Remedy Selection
• NRDA is important
NCSL Nuclear Legislative Working Group

The following apply to affected state, tribal and local governments.

- All federal **cleanup efforts** should be conducted in **full consultation** with the above affected entities.
- An **ongoing dialogue** should be maintained to ensure their effective involvement in critical cleanup related decisions, including road maintenance needs on nuclear-waste shipment routes.
- Cleanup work must be accomplished in strict **compliance** with federal facility agreements, federal and state laws, and federal trust obligations to tribal governments.
• The above affected entities must have a continuing, substantive role in the planning and oversight activities of the waste management effort.

• Federal cleanup efforts should enforce priorities and meet milestones set forth in federal-state consent orders and the federal treaty obligations and federal trust responsibilities with tribal governments regarding the cleanup of specific sites.

• DOE should communicate to the above affected entities the potential impacts of federal “fiscal cliff” budget negotiation outcomes on site cleanup schedules and activities.

• DOE should move forward to implement BRC recommendations that can be accomplished under existing Department authority.
NAAG

• **Consistent, reliable and sufficient funding** to meet compliance agreements and regulatory obligations.

• **Clarity/transparency** in how DOE is requesting funds for its requirements, and then how that money is allocated.
  – What information DOE has and what information DOE would be willing to provide

• **Funding NRDA work** but not at the expense of remediation or regulatory compliance. By integrating NRDA with remedies, DOE will likely achieve significant long-term cost savings.
STGWG

STGWG continues its primary focuses on long-term stewardship and institutional controls, natural resource damage assessment and restoration, and tribal issues.

- **Consistent, reliable, sufficient funding** to meet compliance agreements and treaty obligations and move the cleanup forward.

- **Cleanup** decisions which are **protective of the environment now and in the future**; and a bias towards decisions that reduce the need for future institutional controls and long-term stewardship.

- **Commitment to the cooperative Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) process**, including but not limited to:
  - Fully funding NRDAR activities at DOE sites, but not at the expense of the cleanup funding;
  - Consultation with the states and tribes to identify NRDAR integration opportunities with on-going remedial actions; and
  - Consultation with the states and tribes to identify and evaluate natural resource restoration opportunities in accordance with the trust responsibility.
• **Commitment to Indian Policy** and consultation by the Secretary of Energy, including consultation with tribes early in the decision process.

• **Consultation with the states** early in the decision process.

• **On-going dialogue** between STGWG tribes and Secretary Moniz, through periodic Tribal Summits and more focused meetings.

• **Consistent funding for tribal programs** to better enable STGWG tribes to support the DOE mission, particularly in the areas of environmental monitoring and surveillance.

• **Consistent funding for state programs** to better enable STGWG states to support the DOE mission.
• **Involvement of Local Officials**--DOE should engage local government officials on all aspects of DOE cleanup
  – include LGs in budget discussions
  – Put ECA Members on DOE Boards and internal groups to participate in cleanup policy
  – Ensure Local government involvement in local cleanup decision-making.

• **Cleanup Funding**--Cleanup funding is the top priority for local governments. DOE should continue to **push for compliant budgets**. States, Tribes and local governments need to help Congress and DOE prioritize cleanup.
• **Reuse and land transfer**--DOE should continue to support the reuse of cleaned up sites and other assets (Asset Revitalization Initiative (ARI)) and continue to engage local governments on reuse and land transfer issues.

• **Manhattan Project National Park**--DOE should continue to support the establishment of a National Historical Park at Oak Ridge, Hanford and Los Alamos.

• **Nuclear Energy Issues**--DOE should engage local governments on nuclear energy and high-level waste issues. Consent Based Siting Process
NGA FFTF Priorities 10/2013
(adapted from FFTF Principles completed May 2012)

GOAL: a sustained, quality cleanup that protects human health, safety, and the environment and complies with state-DOE agreements.

1. State participation (both individually and as a group) is critical to DOE’s budget process and establishment of environmental priorities.

2. Transparent communication between DOE and the states is essential.
   - Complex-wide issues should have complex-wide input
   - FFTF should serve as a forum for discussions of complex-wide issues

3. When commitments may be in jeopardy, proactive engagement between DOE and states is crucial.
   - When one or more FFAs would be impacted by changes in another state’s agreement, states will seek to develop a common understanding of the requested changes (may also include equity discussions)
ECOS

- ECOS supports **fully funded, fully compliant annual budgets** for EM cleanup.
- ECOS expects DOE to **issue a decision for siting the national mercury storage facility**. DOE should make the facility operational ASAP. Congress should fully fund DOE's efforts in this field.
- ECOS encourages the federal government to **collaborate with state environmental agencies** and fund the development of model state laws and regulations to guide siting, storage and disposal of high-level waste and spent nuclear fuel (HLW/SNF).
ECOS

• States are co-regulators with the federal government and should have a decision-making voice on HLW/SNF activities proposed within their borders.

• DOE should partner with ECOS to coordinate a technical analysis of any proposed HLW/SNF activities, regulations or legislation; the impacts of transportation; and siting of interim and permanent repositories and storage facilities.
Waste Management Update

Frank Marcinowski
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Waste Management
Office of Environmental Management

Intergovernmental Group Meeting
New Orleans, LA
October 30, 2013
Discussion Outline

• Waste Management Accomplishments and Priorities
• Other Key Program Accomplishments
• LLW/MLLW Disposal Forecasts
• Budget Considerations
• Regulatory Updates
FY13 Waste Management Accomplishments

- **WIPP**: Emplaced 5,065 cubic meters of TRU with 89 percent of shipments departed from TRU waste sites as planned

- **Los Alamos**: Met Framework Agreement goal for FY 13 ahead of schedule, disposing of over 1,800 cubic meters of legacy managed TRU waste

- **Oak Ridge**: Partnered with regulators to develop strategy for mercury cleanup efforts; continued TRU processing

- **SRS**: Completed remediation of all legacy TRU wastes; continued shipments to WIPP

- **Idaho**: Improved operations at the Advanced Mixed Waste Project; repurposed an existing facility for processing of sludge wastes; continued repackaging and shipment of remote handled TRU waste. Shipped 4,454 cubic meters of legacy managed TRU waste, including 2,139 cubic meters of TRU waste to WIPP
FY13 Waste Management Accomplishments

- **Portsmouth**: Reached full production rate of the DUF6 Conversion facility
- **Paducah**: 50,000 cubic feet of PCB debris from C-340 disposed offsite
- **Moab**: Shipped 695,071 tons of uranium residual radioactive material for disposal
- **WVDP**: Demolished Building 01-14 removing 34,000 cubic feet of LLW
- **SPRU**: Completed construction of enclosures and ventilation systems; began sludge waste processing
- **Nevada**: Disposed 1.099 million cubic feet of LLW/MLLW (82 percent of FY 13 goal)
- **River Protection**: Developed and issued a Hanford Tank Waste Retrieval, Treatment and Disposition Framework
- **Richland**: Continued onsite disposal at ERDF to support site cleanup activities
• **Idaho:** Start treatment of sodium bearing waste; continue CH and RH TRU projects; continue excavation of buried TRU waste;

• **Los Alamos:** Complete 3706 Campaign; work toward other Framework Agreement milestones

• **Carlsbad:** Continue optimized TRU program: LANL, INL, OR and SRS

• **Oak Ridge:** Resumption of TRU waste certification and shipments to WIPP

• **Office of River Protection:** Continue to work with State and regulators on Framework implementation

• **Portsmouth/Paducah:** Continue operation of DUF6 Conversion Plants; Issue Records of Decision regarding on-site disposal facilities

• **Savannah River:** Complete certification of legacy TRU waste and continue shipments; process and disposition non-MOXable plutonium

• **West Valley:** Disposition 3 large components (vitrification melter and two large associated vessels)
Legacy TRU Waste Cleaned up at 22 of 30 Sites
Shipments received at WIPP as of September 29, 2013: 11,664

Contact-handled: 10,955
Remote-handled: 709

89,104 cubic meters disposed to date
14 years of safe operations

Total Shipments Received by Calendar Year
(Including intersite shipments)
WIPP Safety and Regulatory Compliance are Paramount

• Stellar safety record
  • Excellent worker safety
  • Star of Excellence for Voluntary Protection Program
  • Decades of national recognition for mine rescue teams
  • Highest level of recognition for environmental excellence from State of New Mexico

• Key Regulators
  • DOE - self regulation for nuclear safety and radioactive waste management
  • U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Certification to Radioactive Waste Disposal Standards
  • New Mexico Environmental Department – Hazardous Waste Facility Permit
  • U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission – waste package certification
NNSS Accomplishments

• Continued soil and groundwater remediation activities -- including characterization and monitoring of underground nuclear test contamination, cleanup of above-ground industrial sites and surface soil contamination

• Continued to serve an important cleanup mission as regional disposal facility for DOE LLW/MLLW:
  
  • DOE sites forecasted disposal in FY 13 Forecast of 1,338,000 cubic feet, but actual disposal was 1,099,000 cubic feet (82%)
  
  • DOE sites are initially forecasting over 1.4 million cubic feet in FY 14
Status of Disposal at Nevada National Security Site in FY 2013 & 2014 (cubic feet disposed)

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• DOE policy supports consideration of commercial disposition options in addition to DOE options, when compliant, cost effective, and in the best interest of the U.S. government

• **EnergySolutions (Clive, Utah)**
  - Accept Class A LLW and MLLW; 11e(2); NORM
  - Offers rail access, onsite treatment, and favorable bulk waste handling and disposal

• **Waste Control Specialists LLC (Andrews County, Texas)**
  - Multiple disposal facilities/licenses
    - Hazardous/exempt; 11e(2); NORM
    - Texas Compact Class A, B and C LLW – non-DOE waste
    - Federal Waste Facility Class A, B, and C LLW/MLLW – DOE waste
  - Offers onsite rail access, onsite treatment and storage capabilities
EnergySolutions’ Clive facility continues to provide a key role in disposition of DOE generated LLW and MLLW

Most DOE sites are certified waste generators

Direct railcar access to Clive site allows DOE sites to ship direct or transload from truck at a nearby site

WVDP disposed building 01-14 debris -- 34,000 cubic ft LLW

Idaho/AMWTP disposed over 20,000 cubic ft MLLW

Paducah disposed 50,000 cubic ft PCB debris
WCS’s Federal Waste Facility (FWF) provides an important, additional disposal alternative for DOE LLW and MLLW

- LANL sent first shipment to the new WCS FWF – shipped over 1,100 cubic yards
  - WCS option has contributed to our successful 3706 campaign for the wastes that were determined to not be TRU

- SPRU processed tank sludge liners are being shipped

- Nine DOE sites have approved programs to ship to WCS, and two more are in process
Complex-wide LLW/MLLW Disposal Forecasts Continue Downward Trend

This data pre-dates availability of WCS FWF
• Despite budget constraints, we are maintaining a robust system to safely characterize, treat, transport and dispose of the wastes generated by EM activities – and other DOE programs.

• Now more than ever, it is important to ensure our waste management strategies are optimized, coordinated and risk informed.

• We use the LLW and TRU waste corporate boards, as well as other waste related forums, to continuously review and improve our plans. Such timely coordination is critical to identifying and overcoming obstacles.

• My office works closely with the sites to ensure cost effective contract vehicles exist, that lessons are shared, that technical strategies are optimized, and that opportunities for collaboration and integration are identified and implemented.
Optimization of Existing Waste System

• In the early years of EM – we needed to create an extensive infrastructure to achieve waste management–
  • Characterization, planning, NEPA analyses and decisions, treatment facilities, transportation programs, disposal facilities, etc.

• Now – the challenge is finding the best way to utilize that infrastructure to disposition wastes

• It was relatively easy to package, treat, transport and dispose of large volumes of wastes when EM had $7B/yr – and a clear mandate to close 3 sites

• It was relatively easy to move large volumes of wastes when $6B additional funding was available from the Recovery Act

• But – now – in budget constrained times – careful prioritization and optimization are key
• Greater Than Class C (GTCC) LLW
  • Anticipate releasing final EIS in 2014, followed by submission of the required Report to Congress and will await Congressional direction

• Mercury Storage EIS
  • Mercury Export Ban Act (MEBA) banned export of elemental mercury as of Jan. 1, 2013. MEBA requires DOE to site and operate storage facility for mercury generated in US.
  
  • *Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Long Term Management and Storage of Elemental Mercury* evaluated additional locations near WIPP for storage facility (September 2013)
  
  • No change in Preferred Alternative (WCS site, Andrews, TX)
  
  • DOE has received seven notifications from private facilities that can store Hg as allowed under MEBA until DOE ready to receive mercury
• DOE continues to closely monitor ongoing regulatory changes by the NRC – including the 10 CFR Part 61 LLW Site Specific Analysis Rulemaking

• DOE provided comments on the preliminary proposed rule language and regulatory analysis

• The Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards – Radiation Protection and Nuclear Materials Subcommittee has requested DOE participate in a workshop on DOE’s LLW waste management policy and approach to performance assessment and period of compliance
DOE Order 435.1, Radioactive Waste Management

- Proposed updates to Order 435.1 and associated guides are being reviewed by DOE General Counsel

- Major Proposed Changes
  - Consolidation of duplicate requirements into General Requirements
  - Addressing waste consolidation (blending) as a positive, even necessary, action
  - Alignment of 435.1 Waste Incidental to Reprocessing (WIR) evaluation with 3116 waste determination process
  - Increased description of requirement for WIR Citation determination
  - Development of Technical Standard capturing all requirements and authorities associated with authorizing LLW disposal facilities operations

- Next Steps:
  - Release for 60 day public review and comment period (mid-Winter) and hold two webinars for public meetings during comment period
  - Response to public comments (late Spring/early Summer)
  - Formal review and approval by DOE (Summer/Fall)
• EM continues to work with the Office of Nuclear Energy and the Secretary’s senior advisors on matters related to the Department’s action in response to the Blue Ribbon Commission on America’s Nuclear Future

  • As Secretary Moniz reported (in his testimony) to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, DOE has initiated studies to evaluate whether defense and commercial wastes should be “commingled” in a single repository

• DOE’s NNSA continues its efforts to complete NEPA analyses on release of clean metals from radiological areas
In these budget constrained times, it is more important than ever that DOE – and more broadly, the US -- optimize its waste management system to ensure environmental cleanup can continue

- Continued integration and flexibility are critical
- Political and social influences are increasing
- Financial and economic factors present real constraints
- Pending and contemplated regulatory changes will also have impact

The Path Forward....

- Continue close consultation with and among stakeholders
- Ensure plans are risk informed
- Continue to encourage innovation and identification of new disposition options
- Remain flexible and closely monitor the uncertain fiscal environment
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