1. Welcome & Introductions
   Mayor Lucero called the meeting to order at 9:12am, welcomed everyone and thanked the Ron Lovato, Tsay Corporation and the Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh for hosting the meeting.

2. Confirmation of Quorum
   Mayor Lucero determined that there was a quorum and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Mayor Lucero noted that Mayor Coss was in Washington, DC so as Vice Chair of the Board she would serve as Chair of the meeting. In attendance at the meeting were: Taos County Commissioner Joe Mike Duran, Taos City Councilor Andrew Gonzales, Rio Arriba County Commissioner Alfredo Montoya, Santa Fe City Councilor Rebecca Wurzburger, Los Alamos County Councilor Fran Berting, Former Governor of Ohkay Owingeh Ron Lovato, Executive Director DeAnza Sapien, Deputy Director, Yasine Armstrong and Los Alamos Assistant County Manager Brian Bosshardt, and Taos County Manager Stephen Archuleta.

3. Approval of Agenda
   Councilor Wurzburger moved to approve the agenda and Councilor Gonzales seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes: November 2012
   Councilor Wurzburger moved to approve the November 2012 minutes and Councilor Gonzales seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Report of the Chair
   Mayor Lucero commended the MVM Group for the new Regional Coalition website and said that she was very pleased with it and found it useful and nice looking.
Mayor Lucero asked Don Ami, the Intergovernmental Liaison from NNSA to give a status report on Dr. Juan Griego. Mr. Ami said that Griego sends his regards but could not make the meeting and he had wanted to attend. Griego expressed appreciation for the letter of recommendation drafted in support of his candidacy by the Regional Coalition and wished to convey his deep regard for everyone’s interest in Northern New Mexico as articulated by the Coalition. Griego asked Ami to explain that he may be taking other opportunities aside from being considered for site office, including a two-year commitment with the New Mexico National Guard, however, his assignment is not final so the support letter would be something that he’d like to keep in his portfolio in the event things should change in the temporary assignment or if he comes back to the site office.

Mayor Lucero said she would like to move forward with the letter of support for Griego. She said she would like consensus from the Board to send the letter of support. The Board provided consensus to submit the letter on Dr. Griego’s behalf.

Mayor Lucero reported that the ECA meeting she attended in December was very informative. She said that Coalition staff and Board Members met with Neile Miller of NNSA and David Huizenga. She said that she believed that Neile Miller is strong and knowledgeable and well informed. She said she was very impressed with her being a woman in government and that she would be good for the NNSA.

Mayor Lucero said that she also attended the LANL Subcontractors Consortium Board Meeting and it was a very informative meeting and they discussed working with the Regional Coalition as a team because we are all advocates for LANL.

6. Report of Board Members

Councillor Andrew Gonzales said that there is a growing abundance of caution that citizens of Taos have regarding support for the CMRR facility at LANL. He had recently had a briefing from Nuclear Watch New Mexico on air quality and the impact that CMRR would have. He would like the Regional Coalition Board to report on the impact of what CMRR can bring to the Northern counties and include what it brings as a tax base and as a vehicle driver in economic development, job creation, job growth and affordable housing. Mayor Lucero directed staff to initiate this report and recommended having a spokesperson from LANL on this topic for a future meeting.

7. Report of the Executive Director

Sapien said that the meeting packets each Board member received were designed to slip into their 3-ring Board binders so it should be easier to follow along with tabs. She reminded the Board that we are planning to meet monthly, on the third Friday of every month from 9-11am with rotating locations. She thanked Mayor Lucero for the positive feedback on website and noted that we are putting draft meeting minutes and meeting packets online so that members of the public and the board can download from the website.
• New Board Member Appointments

Sapien noted that each member government would need to make their new Regional Coalition Board Member government appointments as soon as possible. She would like to name the Official members of the board before the February meeting. She reminded everyone that each member government is allowed two directors to the Regional Coalition Board. She welcomed Commissioner Joe Mike Duran who was attending on behalf of Taos County and she welcomed Commissioner Alfredo Montoya from Rio Arriba County. She noted that the County of Santa Fe has repointed Commissioner Danny Mayfield.

Councilor Gonzales asked how the board appointments work and noted that Taos has been working the Taos Pueblo and we may want to add a place for Taos pueblo on the Board. Sapien said that we are more than willing to reach out to Taos Pueblo to include them as part of the Regional Coalition and to give them an official seat at the table.

• 2013 and 2014 Coalition Member Contributions

Sapien thanked LA County for including receipts and disbursements in the financial report. She discussed the member governments FY 13 contributions and said that each member government was provided an invoice for their FY 13 contributions based on their FY12 contributions. She also said that as part of Executive Director services contract she will be going before each member government to present an update on the Regional Coalition.

Commissioner Alfredo Montoya asked to refresh his memory about what amount is expected from each entity. Sapien said that the formula was done prior to her serving as the ED but it was based upon the number of LANL employees in each municipality. She noted that because Los Alamos County has the bulk of LANL employees, they made the largest contribution to the Regional Coalition.

• ECA Inter-Governmental Meeting Report

Sapien reiterated that it was an excellent meeting and useful meeting for Board Members to attend and noted that MVM Group paid for Yasine Armstrong to attend as staff from the Regional Coalition. She noted that Mayor Lucero, Councilor Stover and Brian Bosshardt also attended the meeting as well. It was an excellent opportunity to meet with top DOE officials and state elected and tribal governments that are representing DOE communities around the country. She noted we had one-on-one meetings with Neile Miller, acting NNSA Administrator, as well as the head of Environmental Management program and other top-level DOE officials. She provided DOE staff an update on the work of the Coalition and received positive feedback on the partnering we are doing around the region. We also discussed the need for our additional cleanup funding at LANL. In meeting with DOE, she noted that they had created the opportunity to let them know that the Coalition is really paying attention to what is happening at LANL. Sapien also mentioned that the spring ECA meeting would be in mid-
April in DC and recommended that the Coalition attend and in conjunction schedule meetings with the NM Congressional Delegation.

Councilor Fran Berting, ECA Treasurer, said that the ECA conference would either be April 11-12 or 18-19. Mayor Lucero added that at the ECA meeting in New Orleans we met with a lot of tribal leaders from across the nation, including Lt. Gov. from Santa Clara Pueblo and Governor Magdalena from Jemez pueblo who also expressed interest in joining the Coalition.

- **DOE Funding and MOU with NMED**
  Sapien said that at the ECA meeting she plugged additional DOE funding for the Coalition. She thanked Tom from the NM Environment Department for his help and said that we have an MOA with NMED so we can start drawing down those funds and are moving forward once the internal processes are set up.

- **Update on Congressional Delegation Meetings**
  Sapien thanked the representatives from the NM Congressional Delegation that were at the meeting. She said that members of the Coalition have met with Congressman Ben Ray Lujan and we’ve met with Congressman Lujan Grisham’s new state director, Debbie Armstrong. She thanked Ray Baca and local Santa Fe business leaders for their participation in those meetings and said that we are moving forward working with partnering with Liddy Martinez and members of the Subcontractors Consortium. She said that Coalition staff has a meeting with Senator Heinrich’s staffer, Mike Sullivan next week and will talk with him about setting up a meeting with Senator Heinrich. In addition, she said that we met with Michelle Jacquez-Ortiz with Senator Udall’s staff and is working to setup meeting with Senator Udall as well.

- **Outreach LANL Subcontractors’ Consortium**
  Sapien attended their board meeting in December and mentioned that the subcontractors are key allies and want to work with them with them regarding stabilization of LANL funding. She noted that all partners are trying to create cohesive message around setting funding priorities. She also noted that the Regional Development Corporation manages the Subcontractors Consortium.

- **State Legislative Memorial**
  Sapien said that she has been working on a state joint legislative memorial and that one of the tasks that was given to the RCLC ED office of the Coalition was to create better relationship with state legislators. The memorial will reiterate support from the state for not only LANL but for NM’s DOE facilities and national laboratories around the state. It will also create an opportunity for face-time with legislators on the Regional Coalition. She said that we are working with State Representative Stephanie Garcia-Richard on the memorial and she is helping us work with House and Senate Leadership. She also said that the Coalition would be supporting other State Legislation that may impact LANL and the surrounding communities.
She also noted two important developments with our Congressional Delegation and said that Senator Heinrich was appointed to the Senate Energy Committee and Senator Udall was appointed to Senate Appropriations. She said that both of these are key Senate positions for New Mexico and offered the Coalition’s congratulations.

- Legal sub-contract update

Sapien said that we are still soliciting proposals from attorneys for this position and happy to take recommendations for from Board members for this contract work.

- Pueblo Outreach Update

Armstrong said that we’d love any participation from board members on help with the pueblo outreach and said she’d like work with Councilor Gonzales on reaching out to Taos Pueblo. She also mentioned that we are scheduling a meeting with Governor Vincent Toya, Sr., the newly elected Governor of Jemez Pueblo and we are following up with Eight Northern Indian Pueblo Council to see about presenting to their Board in the spring.

- LA County Council Outreach

Sapien said that we are meeting with the leadership of Los Alamos County since they are investing the most money in the Regional Coalition. She noted that the County has yet to announce who the formal representative will be but they are scheduled to pick the new representative to the Regional Coalition Board on January 29th.

- Upcoming Board Meetings

Sapien noted that the meetings are to be held on the third Friday of every month and recommended that we hold the next meeting in Santa Fe given the legislative session. She said that The County of Santa Fe is willing to host the meeting. Mayor Lucero said that she recommended holding the meeting at the PERA building because it is right across from the State Capital. Councilor Wurzburger said she’d talk to Commissioner Mayfield about meeting at the PERA building.

8. Identify Federal Legislative Priorities

Mayor Lucero

Mayor Lucero referred to the DNFSB letter that discussed the safety hazards with some of the buildings at LANL and said that given the safety issues, she recommends that we support adding facilities modernization funding for LANL.

Sapien reminded the Board that at the November Board meeting Seth Kirshenberg of ECA reminded us that FY14 funding requests have been submitted. She said that typically by the first Monday in February the President submits his budget and it was time at this meeting to set the Coalition’s priorities so that we may relay our priorities to the members of the Delegation. She said that as Mayor Lucero mentioned the DNFSB concerns were not initially included in the proposed federal priorities but thought we should include it given the concerns in the DNFSB letter. She said that overall, the priorities are general but they will help us streamline our requests. Sapien said that cleanup funding had been identified as the number one priority for the Coalition and that we are hoping for $255 million to come to NM through the DOE clean up budget. We are asking that DOE engage with local governments on cleanup and that we have transparent communication with the state, tribes and DOE for cleanup. She said we want to reverse
the downward trend for LANL funding. Councilor Berting said that Los Alamos county wants to emphasize facilities modernization and DeAnza suggested an addition to the priorities to include a language change that addressed that as a priority.

Mayor Lucero added that these priorities are consistent with the message the Coalition took to DC last spring and last summer.

Mayor Lucero called on Joni Arends, executive director of Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety. Joni said she asked to include DNFSB letter in the Board meeting packet to bring to the Coalition’s attention the seriousness of the seismic hazardous danger. She said she met with their Board in DC and they are so concerned that they are not getting a response from DOE and NNSA and that’s why they wrote letter to Secretary Steven Chu. She said their concern is that a billion dollars have been put into PF4 over the last 20 years and if there’s a seismic event that is underestimated than the release could be 900 REM. She said that this situation is so serious that plutonium operation should be moved from LANL. She said that the Coalition should look at possible health affects and deaths that could happen as a result of this building collapsing and plutonium getting out. She noted that plutonium has been found at in regional lakes lakes at higher than normal emissions. She thinks that this is a much larger conversation and cautions the Coalition to have more information before they make statement on supporting facility modernization. She said she would like time on the February agenda and suggested they eliminate phrasing on priorities until they have the full story.

Councilor Wurzburger said that it appears that one of the priorities has to do with human health and safety and the environment. She said that without getting into specifics, we might reiterate that the Coalition is always keeping public safety in mind. She moved that the Coalition could include facilities modernization language but also add language that stated that public safety was a major reason for the need for the priorities and facilities modernization. Councilor Berting seconded the friendly amendment.

Councilor Gonzales asked if under cleanup funding for $255M has LANL typically received it and complied with that type of funding? Sapien said that DOE is severely underfunded with regards to cleanup even though it should sit at the top of the priority list and we don’t want cleanup to be put on the back burner. Mayor Lucero added that we’ve expressed clean-up funding as our top priority and that without federal money we couldn’t do the cleanup work. Sapien said they are working with DOE and with the administration and delegation to get funding to do the clean up work. She said that we learned in New Orleans that our portion of cleanup dollars is miniscule to the over all DOE EM budget. She said it’s a multi-billion dollar budget and we are currently at $188M. She said we want to be at $255M.

Councilor Gonzales asked if we could hear about the cleanup funding that we’ve received to date. Sapien said we would be hearing about in the presentation later in the meeting.

Councilor Wurzburger moved for approval of the federal priorities as amended. Councilor Berting seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Fiscal Year 2013 Planning – Continuing the Governor’s Priorities

Peter Maggiore said that the presentation is up on Regional Coalition website and it’s the same presentation given at the last Citizen Advisory Board meeting. Pete thanked the Coalition for inviting them here today and said that there were several parts to this presentation and that he and Jeff were going to tag team for the presentation. He also noted that House Joint Memorial 5 was introduced on Wednesday sponsored by Trujillo and Cisneros. It’s a memorial that that calls for full funding for Area G cleanup.

Maggiore reminded everyone that the environmental programs office’s mission was focused on cleaning up legacy waste and contaminated sites. It also worked on decontamination of and demolition of unused buildings at lab. They also monitor regional aquifers and protect ground and surface water resources in NNM. He said field activities involved in legacy waste clean-up range from small spills to significant historical waste disposal landfills and anything that is radioactive from World War II and the Cold War. He said about half of the sites are currently under investigation in remediation so still a long way to go. He noted that after sites are cleaned up, where there’s an interest, the properties could be turned back to interested governments. He noted they are currently working with Los Alamos County on that now. He said that cleanup work is governed by consent order between DOE site office and the New Mexico Environment Department. At a CAB meeting a year ago DOE acknowledged that they wouldn’t be able to meet the deadlines prescribed in the consent orders mainly due to historical underfunding. He said that the amount of work contained in the consent order and the budget given to them to execute that work, caused them to fall behind. However, he said that consent orders are still in full effect and although they’ve acknowledged inability to meet deadlines, the state is still holding DOE to them.

About a year ago EM and DOE reached an agreement on shared commitment to re-prioritize work and a realigned schedule to attack the highest risk work first. He said this framework agreement allowed them to develop and implement an aggressive program to remove 376 cubic meters of above ground transuranic waste by June of 2014. He said they had previously been shipping waste from Area G but nowhere near as aggressively as the framework agreement suggested they should. The main driver for that was the Los Conchas fire and Governor Martinez asked why it had not been done before and what can we do to get it moving now. The Governor also articulated need to aggressively protect ground water and surface water resources and the framework agreements attempts to do that as well.

Jeff Mousseau said that he has been in his new position since September 2012 and it has been enjoyable working with the
community and the Regional Coalition on common goals. He said that the transuranic waste work remains one of their top priorities and with so little moisture is underlines the importance of getting that waste out of Area G in case of a deadly fire season. He said that they removed 902 cubic meters last year and this year they hope to remove 1,800 cubic meters by the end of September 2013. He said they have shipped about 240 cubic meters so far this year. He mentioned that WIPP closes for 5-6 weeks so they are getting their shipments ready but they won’t resume shipping to WIPP until February 25th, 2013. He noted that there are several systems to alert us if water is coming down the canyon and said there are lots of mitigations for run-off controls. He reiterated that they have worked with NM Environment Department to identify the highest priorities and place funds towards those priorities. He also said that they’ve put in place a much improved safety program and have been rewarded with less accidents and injuries on the job.

Maggiore said that he’d speak to the FY13 clean up budget. He said that for the first six months of FY13, which will end in March, we are under a continuing resolution and the budget is set at $91M. He said that this represents about half the level of funding we received under the previous Recovery Act. In addition, he said that Congress is also wrestling with debt limit and sequestration issues. He said that the potential for the budget to move forward under a continuing resolution and sequestration still exists. He said that we are $50M lower than other sites, which are also under the continuing resolution. He said they had wanted to wait until more certainty to meet with NMED but going to meet with them sooner rather than later. He also said that his department was providing additional information that provided a look ahead into the future and discussed how they managed this process.

10. Accelerate Workforce Program Update

Kathy Keith, Executive Director of the Regional Coalition introduced Dr. Cedric Page, the Executive Director of UNM Los Alamos, and a partner with the Accelerate program who serves on the Accelerate advisory board.

Carla Rachkowski, the Program Manager said that, “Accelerate” is a program of the Regional Development Corporation in partnership with six institutions of higher education and regional businesses.

Kathy Keith noted that this fits into the REDI initiative, in the strategic plan for the region for economic growth that was developed in 2010. She said that plan called for regional economic development plan in three main areas. She said that infrastructure and human capital/workforce development was given as the number one priority. She said that they met with local businesses who said they didn’t have local people who could meet their employment needs so they met with community colleges on what the disconnect was and
developed the “Accelerate” program to bridge that gap. Rachkowski said this was the second year of 5-year commitment from DOE and it was steered by advisory committee made up by faculty from colleges. She said the overall goal is to increase graduation rates in 2-year degree programs and works with non-traditional students. The program works with 120 students a year, 20 students at each school.

Dr. Page said that a critical part of the program was for students to have a coach to make them aware of options they have in the workplace. Workforce readiness was very helpful in getting them prepared to retain necessary skills in certain fields. He said they intend to expand the role of career technical advisors at UNM-LA because it will impact funding in the future as the funding formula for higher ED changes.

Councilor Wurzburger recommended a workshop on how to dress appropriately for an interview and said she was very excited about the Accelerate program and the work that they were doing.

Ron Lovato of Ohkay Owingeh said that he found the presentation very gratifying and that he was involved in RDC many years ago and these pillars were the ones they were talking about then. He said he was happy to and gratified to see those pillars are are moving forward. He said this program sounds worthwhile and was impressed with them having the discipline and fortitude to continue with these core pillars. He said that they had made his day with their presentation.

Keith noted that when the Coalition members met with DOE officials, she’d appreciate it if they would express their support for the program so that they continue receiving funding.

11. **NM Congressional Delegation Staff Updates**

Jennifer Catechis, State Director from Congressman Ben Ray Lujan’s office said that they were closely monitoring sequestration and the budget issues that could have a negative impact on LANL. Mike Sullivan with Senator Heinrich’s office said one new development was that Senator Heinrich was appointed to the Intelligence Committee and that he looks forward to continuing to work with the Regional Coalition.

Michelle Jacquez-Ortiz with Senator Udall’s office said that the Senator had been appointed to Appropriations but he doesn’t have subcommittee assignments yet. She also said that Senator Udall inherited some staffers from Bingaman’s departing staff. One of them is a former Energy Committee staffer, Jonathan Black, and he is focusing on energy issues tied to appropriations work.

12. **Public Comment**

Ray Baca, Executive Director of the New Mexico Building and Trades
Council, said he wanted to reiterate his support for the labs. He said they would continue to work with the Regional Coalition. He represents 750 construction and maintenance workers and asked the Coalition to look at that tier of workers already working at the labs for training programs.

Joni Arends, Executive Director of Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety, said that she addressed the Coalition with a heavy heart with respect to what’s happening with the seismic platform on the Pajarito Plateau. She said she would like the Regional Coalition to conduct an analysis of what would happen to Northern New Mexico if the plutonium facility collapsed and 900 grams of plutonium were to be released.

She said she made this request in a very serious way for the community to understand what would happen to not only the culture of this unique and beautiful place but with respect to what would happen to us as individuals. She said she’d be happy to help with that but we need to look realistically at how serious the DNFSB is about this. She said that among senior managers within DOE she could see in their eyes how serious they are about the issues with PF4. She said that they know that they are limited with how they operate and they operate with persistence and politeness but their concern is that nobody is listening to how serious this is. They will be coming to New Mexico to hold a public meeting this summer on PF4 issues. She also said that she believed the elephant in the room was that 25,000 drums approximately will remain in the fabric tents so when we talk about fire danger or we read that we won’t have any moisture until July, she wants to make sure that the Board is aware that there will be 20-25,000 drums remaining in the fabric tents at LANL. Her concerns is that they are planning on bringing more waste and more risk up from the ground when there’s still drums of plutonium on the surface. She said she was opposed to bringing any more up before all of the waste is gone because we’ve lived through the Sierra Grande and Los Conchas fire. She said that these threats are real and that she wouldn’t be here shaking if they weren’t.

Jeanne Greene, Taos, NM said that she was having a visceral reaction about adding the facilities modernization to the federal priorities. She said that if the Coalition is going to change their mission about cleanup and about $255M. She said that we have 20,000 pits already and we don’t need anymore. She said that if you want to go to DC to lobby for more deadly pollution than they are lying about what the Coalition’s mission is and since you added facilities modernization, she knows that your mission is offline. She said that if you ostracize the minority view by adding facilities modernization that is just unconscionable. She said the you are not paying any attention to the public. She said she believed LANL is a cancer factory and is so polluted and that Rocky Flats cleanup was a farce. It’s so contaminated.

Melissa Larson, Taos, NM said that she seconded what Jeanne Greene said. She said that she has technical questions about the cost of cleanup. She asked how much it costs to move the above ground waste. Larson said since the mission is cleanup, shouldn’t the committee be able to answer those questions?
Sapien reiterated the $255M budget figure to do overall cleanup.

Carlos Valdez, Citizen’s Advisory Board said that the next CAB meeting would be held on on January 30th at Buffalo Thunder from 1-7pm. He said they have invited DOH to speak on health risks and cancer rates.

Sapien said she was happy to post CAB meetings on the Regional Coalition website and encourages our Board Members to attend those meetings as well.

Councilor Gonzales said one of the first things he had requested was for was a test from downward wind pollution from the labs. Is that on the website? DeAnza answered that the information had been presented at a previous Board Meeting and they could share the information with him as well as post on new website.

Sapien said that since the DNFSB is going to be in New Mexico, she would be happy to setup a meeting with them and the Regional Coalition if the board is interested.

Rev. Holly Beaumont, Interfaith Workers Justice New Mexico, said that we hear that without the labs we wouldn’t have middle class in NNM. She said that we have different criteria for judging end economic product. She said her concern is that since the lab was established, it shows that NM has the greatest income inequality in the nation and points to disparity to those that have jobs and tax payer money in the labs but there’s not funding left over for economic engines for other things like education and renewable energy. She said they are concerned that it might leave the Coalition to compromise those people and we may not hold the lab accountable in order to save those jobs. She said that under President Bush, the lab was privatized and the bid for the new private business turned over to Bechtel. She encourages the Board to take that seriously as they are entrusting issues like seismic risk to a private company like Bechtel.

Scott Kovack of Nuclear Watch NM, said that he appreciates the Coalition taking on these hard issues and that we must continue to be focused on the removal of legacy waste.

12. Adjourn.

Councilor Gonzales moved to adjourn the meeting and Councilor Berting seconded. Motion passed unanimously.