Audit Update:
Following a column published published by Milan Simonich in the Santa Fe New Mexican in early May, the RCLC Executive Director and members of the board met with the New Mexico State Auditor to review the previous audit completed by the OSA and the RCLC’s current work to complete annual audits for all years in question.
Councilor Peter Ives, Mayor Javier Sanchez and Director Vasquez met with State Auditor Brian Colon, with RCLC Chair Henry Roybal available by phone. Also representing the OSA was Deputy State Auditor Natalie Cordova and Audit Supervisor Chelse Martin (Martin was involved with the original OSA audit last year).
Discussed was the ongoing status of the 6 years of audits. The OSA is in direct communication with the contracted audit firm, Kubiak Melton & Associates. 
State Auditor Colon was briefed on the ongoing Tier 4 audits being conducted by the contracted auditing firm and Deputy State Auditor Cordova confirmed that the OSA is communicating directly with the firm on this audit. The RCLC contracted with Kubiak Melton & Associates for six years of back audits at the Tier 4 level, which was deemed appropriate by the auditor and OSA. However in discussions with Auditor Colon it was decided that if the OSA observes any conditions that warrant additional scrutiny, they may request that specific years or accounts be audited at the more rigorous Tier 7 level. Should this be called for it would require the RCLC to negotiate additional services from Kubiak Melton & Associates. The additional level of review is anticipated to extend the timeline for completion of all six years of audits to the end of July, 2019.

Joint Powers Agreement Rewrite:
On April 30, 2019 the Santa Fe County Commission voted to adopted the amended Joint Powers Agreement that the RCLC board voted to approve in March. We expect other member communities to take up the amended JPA this summer.

New Website Development:
The media firm contracted to develop a new website has run into unexpected delays. A new sandbox version of the website is available for the board to review. The URL for the test version is being provided to board members.
DC Trip:
The RCLC traveled to Washington DC to participate in a round-table discussion for impacted communities on DOE’s reclassification of “high level nuclear waste”, or HLW. The round-table was jointly sponsored by ECA and ECOS to review how the proposed changes to the definition of HLW could affect sites like LANL, the surrounding communities, and the state as a whole. The RCLC delegation also used the trip to participate in an Energy Communities Alliance meeting.

Mayor Javier Sanchez, and Councilor Peter Ives, along with RCLC Executive Director Eric Vasquez participated in the visit with DOE EM and members of the delegation. Councilor Randall Ryti was able to join us for our final meeting with Congresswoman Torres Small’s staff. The RCLC board members and staff also had a briefing with ECA Director Seth Kirshenberg at the start of our visit to review current issues prior to our meetings with the congressional delegation and DOE.

The RCLC board members and staff met with DOE EM Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Mark Gilbertson and several key EM staff. Board members discussed current concerns on the impact of legacy cleanup on local communities, as well as the RCLC grant status and ongoing accountability efforts.

The RCLC delegation also had sit-down meetings with staff for Congressman Ben Ray Lujan and later with the Congressman. We also met for a joint meeting with staff from Senators Udall and Heinrich to discuss legacy cleanup issues and economic impacts on LANL activities on our communities. Later the RCLC delegation met separately with both Senators Udall and Heinrich. In a separate meeting the RCLC delegation met with Congresswoman Deb Haaland and briefed her and her staff on the RCLC mission and legacy cleanup issues at LANL. On the last day of the visit members of the RCLC delegation were able to brief Congresswoman Torres Small’s staff on RCLC issues and how they relate to WIPP which is in her district. As in past visits to DC, the RCLC invited the Major Subcontractors’ Consortium to join us for our visits with the delegation and DOE officials, as our organizations have overlap on several issues. MSC President Graig Newell was able to attend several of the meetings with the RCLC delegation.

DOE EM Leadership Change:
Last week we learned that Anne White submitted her resignation as the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM) to be effective June 14, 2019. Also reassigned was Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Mark Gilbertson with whom the RCLC met in early May.

The Energy Communities Alliance (ECA) has informed us that Todd Shrader, manager of the Carlsbad Field Office, could be assigned as EM-2, succeeding Gilbertson. William "Ike" White, current Chief of Staff and Associate Principal Deputy Administrator for NNSA, is said to be assuming a senior advisor role overseeing EM.

Upcoming RCLC Related Events:

- Environmental Management Cleanup Forum on Legacy Waste at LANL
On June 26, 2019 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, EM-LA and N3B will host the first Environmental Management Cleanup Forum at Fuller Lodge in Los Alamos, a meeting that will be a key component of our stakeholder engagement program. All RCLC board members, alternates, members of local governments and interested community members are invited to attend this
The meeting will focus on a high-level overview of the LANL legacy cleanup program, and provide an opportunity for community members to discuss their values and goals for the cleanup. This meeting will be open to the public; all are encouraged to attend. Invitations will be extended to elected officials, the Pueblos, local and regional stakeholder organizations, congressional staff, advocacy groups, and NMED, among others.

- **National Cleanup Workshop**
  The 2019 National Cleanup Workshop is scheduled for September 10-12 in Alexandria, Virginia. This is a key meeting for our local communities to meet with DOE EM officials, learn what is developments are ongoing in relevant areas, and present a united voice to DOE and members of congress on the cleanup priorities for our local communities and region. RCLC staff and available board members plan to attend the workshop. This is a good opportunity to meet with the new EM leadership and continue to build the relationships and contacts to aid in achieving our mission.

**RCLC Dues:**
Invoices for the current fiscal year were mailed to all our member communities. We have received payments from two member communities and have been communicating with others regarding the invoices. Board members are asked to check with your finance departments to ensure payments are made prior to the end of the fiscal year.

**RCLC Elections:**
In accordance with RCLC bylaws, regular elections for officers is to occur at the first meeting of the board held on or after July 1\textsuperscript{st} of each year. Our first meeting in FY 2020 is scheduled to occur on July 12, 2019.