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Los Alamos County Council Chambers

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REGIONAL COALITION MEETING AGENDA

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9:00	Info:	Welcome & Introductions	Comm. Mayfield
	Action:	Confirmation of Quorum	Comm. Mayfield
	Action:	Approval of Minutes: March 21, 2014	Comm. Mayfield
	Info:	Financial Information	Brian Bosshardt
9:10	Info:	Reports from Congressional Delegations/ State	
9:20	Info:	Executive Director Report	Darien Cabral
		Subcontractor Update	JLH Team
		Economic Development Report	
		Report on Environmental Remediation	
9:30	Info:	Report from LANL	Charlie McMillan
9:50	Info:	Report from State	Ryan Flynn
10:10	Info:	Report/ Update on WIPP	Joe Franco
10:30	Action:	Strategic Planning Session	Comm. Mayfield
		Proposal from Crescent Strategies	
10:50	Info:	Public Comment	Comm. Mayfield
11:00	Action:	Adjourn	Comm. Mayfield

Presenters:

Charlie McMillan - had been Principal Associate Director for Weapons Programs at Los Alamos and joined the laboratory in 2006, where he was responsible for directing the science, technology, engineering, and infrastructure that enables the Laboratory to deliver on its core mission of ensuring the safety, reliability, and performance of the nation's nuclear deterrent. McMillan was elected by peers to lead the Nuclear Security Enterprise Integration Council. Established in 1943 as part of the Manhattan Project. McMillan is also president of Los Alamos National Security, LLC - the company that manages and operates the lab for the National Nuclear Security Administration. Prior to joining Los Alamos, McMillan, an experimental physicist, spent more than 20 years at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, beginning in 1983. He holds a doctorate in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a bachelor of science in Mathematics and Physics from Washington Adventist University

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

Joe Franco - is the Manager for DOE's Carlsbad Field Office. Joe is a native of Carlsbad, New Mexico and has over 25 years of nuclear experience. Since 2006, Franco was responsible for cleanup and restoration of the 220 square miles of the Columbia River Corridor, which includes former plutonium production reactors and fuel fabrication, research and support facilities, at the Hanford Site, Washington. Prior to his DOE position, Franco worked in numerous management positions from 1989 to 2006 for Washington TRU Solutions (WTS). WTS is the WIPP management and operating contractor.

About the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities:

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

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Santa Fe County Chambers
Friday, March 21, 2014

Attendance

Mayor Alice Lucero, County Commissioner Danny Mayfield (Vice-Chair RCLC), Councilor Fran Berting, Commissioner Alfredo Montoya, Councilor Steve Gerrens, Mayor Javier Gonzales

JLH Media team members Darien Cabral, Jennifer Padilla, and Lisa Neal.

Welcome and Introductions

Commissioner Mayfield ran the meeting as Chair due to the expired term of former Mayor Coss. Commissioner Mayfield introduced Javier Gonzales as the new Mayor of Santa Fe and thanked him for joining the Coalition. Mayor Javier Gonzales spoke about the critical assets of the laboratory and other areas that could be considered.

Commissioner Mayfield asked that the group say the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Confirmation of Quorum

Commissioner Mayfield asked for a confirmation of the quorum. Mr. Cabral indicated that five members of the commission were present which constituted a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: February 21, 2014

Commissioner Mayfield asked if there were any changes or suggestions. There were no changes.

Motion: To approve the minutes from February 21, 2014 **Moved by** Mayor Alice Lucero, **Seconded by** Councilor Fran Berting.

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

Financial Information:

Harry Burgess: Financial Information

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2 Commissioner Mayfield introduced Harry Burgess. Mr. Burgess indicated there was a copy of the
3 financial report in their packets with information up until March 17, 2014. The numbers changed
4 in only one aspect. The meeting expenses that were incurred by the Coalition Group members
5 traveling to Washington D.C. They have not input the invoices from JLH Media.
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7 Commissioner Mayfield asked about dues from each government organization. Harry said he
8 had spoken about this issue with Brian Bosshardt and the intent is to send out invoices to each
9 member entity within the next month. Those invoices will originate from JLH Media.
10

11 Commissioner Mayfield indicated that Santa Fe County is looking into paying for their dues. He
12 thanked Mr. Burgess for his report.
13

14 **Reports from Congressional Delegations**

15 Commissioner Mayfield introduced Michelle Jaquez-Ortiz from Senator Udall's office: She
16 presented along with Janelle Fredrick. The Senator is taking FY15 appropriations requests.
17 Deadline is March 28, 2014, with the deadline coming up very quickly.
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19 Senator Udall is on the subcommittee for energy and water. Regarding the advisory panel, Udall
20 in 2012 introduced an amendment with Senator Kyle to study the governance of the NNSA. The
21 interim report from this panel should be ready as early as next week. They will testify before the
22 House Armed Services Committee next Wednesday. This is a different panel than one that was
23 mentioned in a previous meeting.
24

25 The President's budget is very strong and they believe will support the national security mission
26 of the labs. NSA top line is \$11.237 billion, of which \$1.6 billion is earmarked for LANL. This is
27 only the start of the budget process and has only been presented to Congress. The FY15 budget
28 shows \$224.6 million for ongoing cleanup. This was lower than requested, but Udall's office will
29 continue to fight for the higher amount. Senator Udall released a statement in regards to the
30 continuing WIPP issue. Commissioner Mayfield said there were no questions and thanked her
31 for her presentation.
32

33 Janelle Fredrick, Senator Heinrich's office, indicated Senator Heinrich is supportive of the
34 cleanup schedule and wants it to stay on track. Commissioner Mayfield stated his appreciation of
35 the NM delegation for their support of the Coalition
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38 **Darien Cabral: Executive Director Report, JLH Team**

39 Mr. Cabral congratulated Mayor Gonzales on the election and welcomed him to the the board.
40 Mr. Cabral noted that this was an important meeting. Not only is there going to be an election of
41 the Chair but there are two senior officials from LANL here to present today on Area G, Pete
42 Maggiore and Jeff Mosseau. He was impressed by their presentation and the complexity and
43 seriousness of these issues. Mr. Cabral noted that the agenda allocates extra time to their
44 presentation and that the Director's report will be short.
45

46 Mr. Cabral indicated that the Washington D.C. trip was successful. The Coalition managed to
47 reverse the downward trend for funding for the laboratory referencing an additional \$40 million
48 given in 2013. They have received assurance that disposal of above ground waste in Los Alamos
49 will meet the guidelines and be completed by June. The belief is that waste will be transported to
50 Andrews County in Texas for temporary storage until waste can again be sent to WIPP.
51

1 Mayor Coss did a great job of articulating what was needed during the D.C. trip. They asked for
2 \$255 million in 2015. The \$255M level is what was agreed to with the NM Environmental
3 Department. In order to have a successful cleanup stable funding is needed. Additional cleanup
4 dollars can be better achieved if the Coalition speaks with one voice. Also of importance from a
5 political perspective is that a project should be on a timeline in terms of budget and outcome.

6
7 Some members of Congress want the Lab to focus on weapons, but pure science programs are
8 needed at the LANL as well. As a Coalition, the diversification of the Laboratory mission must be
9 supported.

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11 Bruce Helm stated that the US government is actively developing a policy wherein nuclear
12 weapons can be eliminated from the world.

13
14 Another issue in Washington D.C. was the sub-contractor issue. Senators Udall and Heinrich
15 indicated they are willing to do whatever it takes to support this issue. They followed up with
16 Christine Gibbs, who is the intergovernmental affairs director at the NSA, and explained the
17 impact this could have on local economies.

18
19 In the coming week, Mr. Cabral will be meeting with the director of policy and federal affairs
20 from Governor Martinez's office.

21
22 Last week Mr. Cabral sat down with the director of the Feynman center at LANL. The center is
23 intent on changing the economic development paradigm at LANL. The emphasis will be local,
24 public private partnerships. The goal of the laboratory will be for acting as a catalyst for the
25 vitality of the region. High standards are a must as they go hand in hand with innovation.

26
27 Mr. Cabral indicated that the Feynman center vision is something that will open up a lot of
28 opportunities for the area. Mr. Pesiri has agreed to come make a presentation to RCLC.

29
30 There a few economic items of regional interest. A major contractor from Santa Fe, PMI, is
31 moving to Espanola. The Northern New Mexico Food Hub project received \$290,000 from the
32 State's capital outlay bill.

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34 Senator Udall is schedule to visit Espanola on the 15th of April to attend a ceremony for the new
35 Food Hub. He will also be visiting an environmental remediation company that employs about
36 18 people. They are an exciting company.

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38 Chris Madrid, Rio Arriba County representative, requested that RCLC facilitate or reach out to a
39 third party, so that the issues can be addressed regarding high-tech company Ealasad. This tech
40 company has the technology to extract rose oil from poplar trees. The City of Espanola leased
41 Prince Ranch to this company for that purpose. There were concerns regarding GMO's so it has
42 been proposed that the NMSU Department of Agriculture conduct a study on the impact of
43 Ealasad locating in Espanola.

44
45 Chairman Mayfield indicated that it was his understanding that the strategic plan would be
46 reviewed to see where the RCLC would go in terms of economic development for the region.
47 They do not want to duplicate missions of other government organizations, although he thinks
48 the presentation would be great.

49
50 Commissioner Alfredo Montoya tried to explain the request. He stated that his understanding is
51 that they are not asking for a financial contribution, but support for the idea of bringing in a third
52 party that understands GMO's. This would help everyone understand the issues at hand. The

1 poplar tree issue could be addressed. The purpose of the Coalition is not only about cleanup, but
2 also helping the entire region prosper. Whenever there is an opportunity for the communities to
3 benefit, the idea or project should be supported by the Coalition. He does not see any harm in
4 helping out.

5
6 Councilor Gerrins indicated that he agrees with Commissioner Montoya and would like to see
7 the Coalition involved in this process.

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9 Commissioner Mayfield wants a working group on this in order to determine how much time
10 Mr. Cabral will have to work on these different projects.

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12 Chris Madrid reiterated that they would like to ask the Coalition to support the study. They want
13 to do a presentation at the April meeting on this issue. They are basically notifying the Coalition
14 and asking that these items be put on the next agenda.

15
16 Mayor Alice Lucero indicated that the City of Espanola received a petition concerning Ealasisd
17 locating in Espanola. 97% of the signatures came from Santa Fe, a couple from Los Alamos and a
18 few from Espanola. She believes there is a need to educate the community about what will be
19 happening at Prince Ranch in relation to GMO's. She indicated that the trees will never blossom,
20 so bees will not be taking pollen from the trees. They do not want the trees to pollinate because
21 that would cause the trees to lose the rose oil essence they are trying to capture.

22
23 Mr. Cabral addressed one last thing about the proposed strategic planning session. The executive
24 committee thought it should be held in May. The idea was to work on that during the morning or
25 afternoon, in addition to the regular board meeting. The strategic planning session is important
26 to have clear goals and direction. This will help in measuring success. Mr. Cabral feels the current
27 strategic planning document is very good. This will be an April agenda item to decide for May.
28 The economic development ideas are crucial and should be added to the April agenda.

29
30 Commissioner Mayfield thinks this is very important for the region. He thinks any board
31 member should be able to request that any item be placed on the agenda. There may be agenda
32 items of more interest to others and all parties should be invited. These include Jemez Mountain
33 Co-op and Kit Carson Electric.

34
35 Mr. Cabral indicated he would like to work with everyone in order to develop time to hear about
36 the GMO issue. The next meeting is scheduled for Los Alamos. Charlie McMillan has been
37 invited to give a presentation.

38
39 Mr. Cabral agreed that this was important and wants to work with Commissioner Mayfield,
40 Mayor Lucero and David Trujillo as well as the people Mayfield mentioned.

41 **Coalition Organizational Matters**

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43 The next Coalition meeting will be held in Los Alamos. Since the third Friday of April is Good
44 Friday, the meeting will be held on a different day. Charlie McMillen will attend that meeting.

45
46 Commissioner Mayfield moved on to the election of officers.

47 **Election of officers**

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50 Commissioner Mayfield explained that election is for the expired term of chairperson that was
51 held by former Mayor Coss. Mr. Cabral explained the three offices, which included: the chair,
52 vice-chair, and secretary/treasurer. Currently Mr. Mayfield is vice-chair and Andrew Gonzalez

1 from Taos is secretary/treasurer. He explained that the day's election is for the chair person, to be
2 held for the remainder of the term which ends in June. In June, a new slate of officers will be
3 elected.

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5 Commissioner Mayfield indicated Mayor Lucero was former Vice-Chair under Mayor Coss.
6 Mayfield was Treasurer and is now Vice-Chair. Commissioner Mayfield nominated Mayor
7 Lucero to be the Chair of the RCLC.

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9 **Motion:** To nominate Mayor Alice Lucero as Chair **Moved by** Commissioner Mayfield,
10 **Seconded by** Councilor Fran Berting.

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

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14 Commissioner Mayfield turned the meeting over to Mayor Lucero.

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16 Mayor Lucero thanked members for their confidence and indicated she will do her best to
17 represent the RCLC. Mayor Lucero will continue with transparency efforts and will work closely
18 with JLH Media. She hopes to be able to follow in Mayor Coss's footsteps.

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21 **MDA G Cleanup Overview and Status**

22 Jeff Mousseau thanked the board and is pleased to be here to give status of cleanup. Mr.
23 Mousseau is the associate director of environmental programs at LANL. He indicated that he will
24 be co-presenting with Pete Maggiore. He has been at LANL for 3 years, was previously at the
25 Idaho National Laboratory where he also worked on transuranic waste and groundwater
26 cleanup. A key to the success of the cleanup is to get the money in the first place. Most focus has
27 been on Area G, but he will also give an update on the 3706 project.

28
29 Update on 3706 project, now in the home stretch: The project started with 4500 containers, of
30 wasted and the last drum was opened yesterday. They are finishing the characterization work
31 which will be completed in the next two weeks and then will be ready to ship off-site. The project
32 is ahead of schedule despite recent problems at WIPP. Some shipments of waste are going to
33 Idaho, in place of WIPP. The project surpassed the March quarterly milestone of the State of New
34 Mexico; the project's last 10 milestones have also been surpassed. People are dedicated to doing
35 the work and to doing it safely. Additional waste will be sent to WIPP if at all possible, the
36 shipments may begin in early April. He referred to slide number five and the pictures related to
37 this project.

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39 10 boxes of waste remain to be shipped to Idaho; eight have been shipped and the remaining two
40 boxes will go out in the next two weeks.

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42 **TA-54 MDA G Overview:**

43 Slide 7 from the PowerPoint presentation shows that Area G is composed of 63 acres located in
44 Technical Area 54. The site began operation in 1957 and is one of the longest running waste
45 disposal areas. Mainly solid radioactive waste has been stored here. .

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47 From 1957 to 1970 there was not much control over waste types and disposal methods. From
48 1971-1979 regulations and requirements improved. New regulations required that transuranic
49 waste be stored until it is shipped to WIPP. From 1980 to present day, operations continue to
50 improve on the regulation side including the installation of mechanisms to characterize
51 hazardous materials.

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2 During this time period about 300,000 cubic meters was disposed in trenches and shafts. He
3 compared the 3706 project, which is 3,706 cubic meters of waste versus MDA G which is 300k
4 cubic meters of waste which is two orders of magnitude greater. Within the last two to three
5 years, the waste that is being disposed of has been restricted. He referenced the long-lived
6 plutonium waste and other types of waste. The questions that need to be answered are related to
7 the waste as it sits there and what happens to it over time.

8
9 He spoke about the 312 active and inactive below grade storage units, 35 disposal pits of which
10 two were used for below grade storage. The retrieval process will begin in pit 9. The waste will
11 include containers, boxed, and various other types of waste. There are also 229 disposal shafts, 44
12 additional shafts for below grade storage for transuranic waste.

13
14 Commissioner Mayfield asked how the shelf life was established. Mr. Mousseau indicated that
15 they would know the exact date it was generated and placed into the pit. Drums and boxes
16 would be excavated making sure that there was no leakage in that area.

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18 A lot of the current processing facilities are over the waste pits today. Mr. Mousseau talked about
19 how to characterize a site from so many years ago. There are many options to identify the waste
20 by using boreholes, surface soil, etc.

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22 The geology of the site is quite important and a lot of work has gone into understanding that. The
23 groundwater is down 840 feet below the surface. All boreholes have shown that there is no
24 indication of perch water. There is very little precipitation going down to these waste areas. Some
25 of the bore holes indicated radiation early on, but they were re-evaluated and it turned out to not
26 be the case. Twenty bore holes have been developed around MDA G, looking for volatile organic
27 contaminants. They are looking for some way to remediate the volatile areas. It has been stable,
28 which is good news, but they still need to address the problem.

29
30 Another important aspect is the groundwater monitoring wells. They are the red dots in the
31 presentation. There are seven wells to date, four are down gradient and three are up gradient.
32 There is no indication of contamination in the groundwater, but the monitoring continues.

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34 The work has been going on since the early 1990's with the facility characterization. There is no
35 evidence of groundwater contamination. With all the work described today, there is enough
36 information to move for on a selection of remedies for dealing with contamination at the site. The
37 current remediation work is focused in the 3706 project area. They are waiting to see what WIPP
38 is going to do before moving forward on some areas of remediation work.

39
40 The next part of the presentation deals with the regulatory process and Pete Maggiore will
41 describe that.

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43 Commissioner Mayfield asked about page 20 and the groundwater monitoring. What is the
44 typical depth of a well? It is at least 840 feet, a lot of which are past the water level, so up to 1,600
45 feet.

46
47 Pete Maggiore thanked the Coalition for allowing him to present additional information. He
48 shared the regulatory process for remediation and closure. There are two separate processes, one
49 being the consent order investigation and the other being DOE Order 435.1 radioactive waste
50 management processes.

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52 Mr. Maggiore showed the corrective measures evaluation process, with an emphasis of the

1 process and when the public can make comments.

2
3 There are two types of evaluation criteria. One is threshold criteria and the second is balancing
4 criteria. The first category has things like protecting health and the environment. The second
5 category involves reliability, cost, etc.

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7 The alternative focus is around covering the landfill, and the differences are the types of cover.
8 The estimated costs and timeline have been included. The costs that were submitted were around
9 \$30 billion. There are many factors that go into that number. The Coalition may want to learn
10 more about that number in the future.

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12 The cap and cover was the recommended alternative. This type of remedy is modeled and
13 evaluated thousands of years into the future to determine if it would be appropriate. It becomes
14 complex when the remedy needs to fit and comply with the NM Environment Department as
15 well as the DOE standards.

16
17 The statement of basis will be issued and then the Department of Energy steps in and regulates
18 the funding. This is a tough and complex problem. Not everyone agrees with where they are
19 heading with this problem. It is Mr. Maggiore's goal to use the best science and engineering, to be
20 transparent, and to involve the public in selecting the final remedy.

21
22 The Coalition has mentioned on several occasions that transparency is important. Mr. Maggiore
23 emphasized that the public will be involved.

24
25 He is pleased with the 2014 budget and liked the budget he saw for 2015. The last meeting in
26 Taos made it very clear that they wanted to be involved in the process.

27
28 There are numerous plans in place to deal with all types of waste. Water protection activities are
29 of importance this year. They want to move aggressively against a chromium plume. They are
30 still in the process of identifying what the impacts of the heavy rains may have been, especially in
31 San Ildefonso Pueblo. They are hoping to return to Technical Area 21. A lot of work was done
32 there during the ARRA funding process. It would be ideal to get back out there and identify areas
33 for continued cleanup.

34
35 Please see PowerPoint for detailed explanation of both presentations.

36
37 Mayor Lucero announced an upcoming meeting of the Northern NM Citizens Advisory Meeting
38 March 26th at 30 Rainbow Road in Albuquerque. The public is invited to attend.

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40 **Public Comment**

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42 **David Brecker**, General Manager of the Microgrid Systems Laboratory, spoke about the
43 partnership between the SFCC and the Santa Fe Innovation Park, an important initiative in
44 Northern NM. In addition, they have prominent members such as the National Renewable
45 Energy Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratory, Duke Energy, LANL, etc. They have earned
46 resolutions from City and County, also they are endorsed by state and federal delegations. (Some
47 comments inaudible due to projection screen being raised). LANL is a trusted advisor and they
48 have been extremely helpful. It also looks like they are making good progress with the NM Small
49 Business Assistance program regarding renewable energy needs.

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51 Mayor Lucero thanked him for the information and asked that Commissioner Mayfield send

1 members a copy of the passed resolution in case the coalition would like to pass a similar
2 resolution

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4 **Jay Coughlan**, Santa Fe: congratulated new Mayor Javier Gonzales and Mayor Lucero on her
5 election as Chair of the Coalition. He wants to go over the budget concerning the NNSA 2015. He
6 requested that the budget be submitted into the record and gave copies to the Coalition and to
7 Executive Director Darien Cabral. He wanted to emphasize that the U.S. Government is at its
8 highest level ever for funding weapons research. He pointed out that cleanup budget is only 10%
9 of the overall LANL budget. It was said that there are record highs for nuclear weapons
10 programs, and asked that the Coalition hold out for much more cleanup funding, perhaps to
11 \$400M over the next decade.

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13 Nuclear non-proliferation programs and dismantlement programs are being gutted. The good
14 news is that cleanup is remaining flat though environmental problems are increasing. Funding
15 for operations of facilities is also being cut at all sites. These programs support health and safety
16 programs. NNSA has higher priorities away from cleanup. Noted quid pro quo, that weapons
17 programs are on the rise at the expense of the cleanup programs.

18
19 Complemented Pete and Jeff stating that they are standup guys and stated that he trusts them.
20 He indicated that the \$30B for Area G is not enough noting that LANL is low-balling the cost of
21 cleanup. He also noted that too much money is allocated for planning and overhead. Stated that
22 cleanup would create hundreds of jobs for 20-30 years. The 3706 project created many jobs.

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24 Commenter #3 - Jean Green, read her comments directly from a written statement. Her verbatim
25 comments will be added here.

26
27 Mr. Cabral thanked Miss Green for her thoughtful, well-researched presentation and
28 recommendations. As a point of clarification, stated that he has never worked for a company that
29 represented LANL. He indicated he has received updates on WIPP. He also stated that DOE is
30 very transparent is making every effort to get the information out.

31
32 The systems that are in place to protect WIPP have worked quite well; no dangerous levels of
33 radiation have been detected so far and no injuries. They will investigate within the next week to
34 find out what went wrong.

35
36 Mr. Cabral agrees with her on the mission of the Coalition. The mission is not to expand weapons
37 programs, but rather to diversify the mission of the laboratory, workforce training, and economic
38 development. They are working on making a change to the mission statement that hopefully the
39 board will approve.

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41 Mayor Lucero requested that DOE give a status on WIPP at the next meeting.

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43 Councilor Fran Berting clarified the role of the ECA which has never advocated for increased
44 weapon work at LANL. They have been emphasizing cleanup at LANL and working hard to get
45 cleanup funding. If they have advocated for more funding it was only for cleanup and
46 diversification, but never for more weapons.

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48 Councilor Girrens wanted to thank Mr. Maggiore and Mr. Mousseau for the briefing. These
49 briefings keep the most accurate and correct information at the forefront. They are always
50 welcome to come back and present as things change and evolve.

51
52 Commissioner Mayfield also appreciated the presentations and public comment. He would like

1 to see comments cited if they are being presented as a fact; please reference where information is
2 coming from. Please give citations regarding factual information.

3
4 Mayor Lucero asked for the next meeting date.

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6 Mr. Cabral indicated the next meeting date will not be the third Friday; it will be the 25th of April,
7 instead.

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9 Commissioner Mayfield noted a lot of requests for the April 25th meeting. He would like to see if
10 Secretary Flynn will come and address the coalition. We should have some say in the new
11 consent order.

12
13 Mr. Cabral thanked him for the suggestion. He will connect with the governor's office and would
14 like to have the state present along with the congressional delegation at the April meeting.

15
16 Mayor Lucero indicated the April 25th meeting will be in Los Alamos, in the new Council
17 Chambers. The executive board meets 2 weeks before the meeting to formulate the agenda. They
18 want this practice to continue. That meeting will be on the 11th at 10:00am as a conference call.

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20 Mayor Lucero adjourned the meeting at 11:28.

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24 **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:28 A.M**

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27 Darien Cabral
28 Director

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30 **ATTEST:**

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33 _____
34 Mayor Alice Lucero, Chair



Summary of Receipts and Disbursements
Inception to date, as of 4/21/14

Beginning Cash Balance	\$	-
Receipts		
Member Contributions	\$	515,375.00
DOE Grant Reimbursables	\$	72,224.95
Disbursements		
Executive Director Services	\$	(236,313.04)
Legal Services	\$	(324.56)
Membership & Subscriptions	\$	(950.00)
Travel	\$	(15,042.50)
Disbursements	\$	(252,630.10)
Ending Cash Balance	\$	334,969.85

STRATEGIC PLANNING



REGIONAL COALITION OF LANL COMMUNITIES

**City of Española - Los Alamos County - Rio Arriba County - Santa Fe County
City of Santa Fe - Taos County - Town of Taos - Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh**

April 25, 2014

Title

Services Agreement No. AGR14-02 with Crescent Strategies, LLC In The Amount of \$10,000 Plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, For the Provision of Facilitation Services Including a Half-Day Strategic Planning Session.

Recommended Action

I move that the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities Approve Services Agreement No. AGR14-02 with Crescent Strategies, LLC In The Amount of \$10,000 Plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, for the purpose of facilitation services.

Report

The Regional Coalition Executive Committee discussed the merits of holding a strategic planning session with the full Board. Because none of the current Regional Coalition membership participated in the existing plan the Executive Committee believed it would be useful to commit a half-day toward updating the document. It would allow the Board of Directors to outline a clear work plan for the Coalition and the Executive Director team. As was shared during the March meeting, the Executive Committee is recommending using the May meeting for this purpose.

The intent is to use the attached current strategic plan as a guide for the discussion. Are the current elements within the plan still applicable? Is the Board comfortable with the individual goals? Are they still relevant for today's Board? What is the Coalition's role within the realm of Economic Development? Where should the Executive Director team be focusing the majority of their time? It is the intention of the Executive Committee to facilitate a discussion with the Board and Executive Director team around the definition of success for the Regional Coalition. Do we have consensus around what we are ultimately hoping to accomplish with the work of the Coalition?

The Executive Committee believes that it is important for the Executive Director team to participate "at the table" with the Board of Directors during this important dialogue as opposed to staffing and facilitating the strategic planning effort. With that in mind, the Executive Committee

recommends approval of the attached Services Agreement in the amount of \$10,000 with David Abelson of Crescent Strategies. Mr. Abelson assisted the Regional Coalition in its early developmental phase and is uniquely qualified for facilitating the Board through this important discussion. Mr. Abelson would provide the following services as part of this agreement:

1. Pre-facilitated session work to include the review of pertinent Regional Coalition documents (meeting minutes, regional economic development strategies, etc.).
2. Hold conference calls with Regional Coalition executive committee members and the Executive Director team.
3. Meet with available Regional Coalition board members and other stakeholders the day prior to the facilitated session.
4. Facilitate the four hour Regional Coalition strategic planning session on May 16, 2014.
5. Develop and provide a follow-up report that captures the key discussion during the May 16, 2014 strategic planning session including any decisions reached, next steps identified and any recommendations that might arise from the overall services provided.

In addition to the Services Agreement and current Strategic Plan, attached for your review is Mr. Abelson's submitted proposal for this effort in addition to his resume. Mr. Abelson has a deep understanding of the issues being discussed by the Coalition and is well-prepared to deliver on the above services.

It is important to note that the work included within this Agreement goes well beyond just facilitating the four hour strategic planning session in May. Either in-person or pre-meetings with each of the Board members will allow for a much more tailored session that will help the Board develop a cohesive and sound work plan that will meet the needs of individual Board members, the Executive Director team and the Regional Coalition overall.

Attachments

- A. Services Agreement No. AGR14-02
- B. Crescent Strategies Regional Coalition Strategic Planning Proposal
- C. Current Strategic Plan



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AGR14-02

SERVICES AGREEMENT

This **SERVICES AGREEMENT** (this "Agreement") is entered into by and between the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities, ("Regional Coalition"), and **Crescent Strategies, LLC**, a Colorado limited liability corporation ("Contractor"), to be effective for all purposes April 25, 2014

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, Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo, 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, procurement of the Services was made in accordance with professional service procurement procedures established by Los Alamos County Procurement and Contracts Division, and

WHEREAS, Contractor will provide the Services as described below, to the Regional Coalition.

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 shall provide facilitation services including a half-day strategic planning session for the Regional Coalition during the term of his agreement.

SCOPE OF WORK

The Contractor shall provide the following services associated with the execution of facilitation services for the Regional Coalition, which tasks shall include:

- 1.** Pre-facilitated session work to include the review of pertinent Regional Coalition documents (meeting minutes, regional economic development strategies, etc.).

2. Hold conference calls with Regional Coalition executive committee members and the Executive Director team.
3. Meet with available Regional Coalition board members and other stakeholders the day prior to the facilitated session.
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5. Develop and provide a follow-up report that captures the key discussion during the May 16, 2014 strategic planning session including any decisions reached, next steps identified and any recommendations that might arise from the overall services provided.

2. Deliverables.

1. The Contractor shall prepare a follow-up report that captures the key discussion during the May 16, 2014 strategic planning session including any decisions reached, next steps identified and any recommendations that might arise from the overall services provided.

SECTION B. TERM: The term of this Agreement shall commence on April 25, 2014 and continue through June 13 unless sooner terminated, as provided herein.

SECTION C. COMPENSATION:

1. **Amount of Compensation.** Los Alamos County, on behalf of the Regional Coalition shall pay total compensation for the performance of the Services in the amount of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000), which amount does not include applicable New Mexico gross receipts taxes (NMGRT). Compensation for Services and reimbursable expenses shall be paid in accordance Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes.

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. 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.

SECTION I. 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 J. 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 K. 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 L. 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 M. 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 N. NON-ASSIGNMENT: Contractor may not assign this Agreement or any privileges or obligations herein without the prior written consent of the Regional Coalition.

SECTION O. 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 P. 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 Q. 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 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 R. 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:
County Administrator
Los Alamos County
1000 Central Ave., Ste. 350
Los Alamos County, NM 87544

Contractor:
Crescent Strategies
David M. Abelson
1400 Riverside Avenue
Boulder, CO 80304

SECTION S. 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 T. 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

Crescent Strategies, a Colorado limited liability corporation

By: _____
NAME DATE

Exhibit "A" – Cost Proposal

Compensation: \$10,000

Billing Schedule:

At signing of contract: \$1,000

Upon completion of RCLC May 2014 Retreat: \$5,000

Upon completion of deliverables: \$4,000

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

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

Title (position)

CRESCENT STRATEGIES, LLC
1400 RIVERSIDE AVENUE
BOULDER, COLORADO 80304
(303) 859-1807
(303) 600-7773 (FACSIMILE)
DAVID@CRESCENTSTRATEGIES.COM

April 9, 2014

Mr. Darien Cabral
Executive Director
Regional Coalition of LANL Communities
518 Old Santa Fe Trail #456
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Dear Darien,

It was good seeing you in Washington, D.C. at the Energy Communities Alliance meeting, and talking with you in early March about next steps with the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities.

Since I last worked with the Regional Coalition, it is clear that the organization has made important strides in establishing itself as a key party tackling regional issues related to the Los Alamos National Laboratory. I also understand from our discussions that the organization needs assistance strengthening its strategic focus and mapping out its next steps. I welcome the opportunity to again work with the Regional Coalition as I continue to believe strongly in the organization and the value it brings to its members.

Attached is a proposed budget and work scope. As we discussed, this proposal includes facilitating a half-day retreat, assisting the Regional Coalition with its strategic focus, and advising the Board of Directors on steps it can take to achieve the organizational mission.

Please let me know what questions you have.

Regards,



David M. Abelson

Encls.

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Project Budget and Work Scope

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Deliverables:

1. Prepare a follow-up report that captures the key discussion during the May 16, 2014, strategic planning session including any decisions reached, next steps identified, and any recommendations that might arise from the overall services provided.

DAVID M. ABELSON

1400 Riverside Avenue, Boulder, CO 80304
(303) 859-1807 -- david@crescentstrategies.com

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY:

An attorney with twenty years of experience in government and non-profit policy work. Extensive experience building coalitions, working with federal and local elected officials on a range of complex public policy and technical issues, developing and implementing strategic plans, designing and executing legislative strategies, analyzing land use protection issues, and raising operating funds. Skilled at managing a Board of Directors, working collaboratively with elected officials, and working with Members of Congress and with state and federal agencies. Excellent written, analytical, communication and project management skills. Admitted to the Colorado Bar.

WORK SUMMARY:

Principal

Crescent Strategies, LLC

November 2003 – present

Crescent Strategies is a Colorado-based government affairs, strategic planning, and organizational management firm specializing in complex public policy issues, local government representation, and non-profit management. Work includes:

- Advising clients on legislative strategies and communicating interests and goals with Congress and with federal and state agencies.
- Developing strategic plans to advance and expand the organizational mission.
- Engaging and expanding strategic partnerships.
- Implementing press and public involvement strategies.
- Managing annual budgets and work plans.

Partial client list: (see below for additional details)

Rocky Flats Stewardship Council
Regional Coalition of LANL Communities
Energy Communities Alliance
Southern Ohio Diversification Initiative
Western Resource Advocates
Western Energy Project

Executive Director

Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments

April 1999 – January 2006

- Directed all facets of a local government organization engaged on the suite of environmental, public policy, fiscal and technical issues related to \$7 billion cleanup of the Department of Energy's Rocky Flats nuclear weapons facility.
- Managed all elements of a seven member intergovernmental organization, including:
 - Developed and implemented strategic plans and annual budgets
 - Managed staff and consultants

- Raised all operating funds
- Worked with a Board of Directors comprised of local elected officials in developing and securing favorable public policy decisions, developing and implementing legislative strategies, and directing Congressional efforts. Issues included:
 - Nuclear cleanup
 - Natural resource management
 - Federal appropriations
 - Waste transportation
- Represented elected officials both locally and nationally at meetings and conferences. Made presentations to elected officials, community members, agency staff and congressional staff.
- Worked closely with the Colorado congressional delegation, congressional committee staff, and federal agencies.
- Negotiated with the Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, and Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment a range of nuclear cleanup and long-term protection issues.
- Developed and directed the press strategy, and served as the organizational spokesman.
- Worked with both the private sector and public.

Deputy District Director/Congressional Assistant and Counsel

U.S. Representative David Skaggs

August 1995 – December 1998

- Directed the Congressman's Rocky Flats and public lands recreation policy.
- Worked with and advised the Congressman and senior staff on appropriations and legislative issues, including nuclear weapons remediation and public lands recreation.
- Worked closely with federal, state, and local governments and agencies, and with non-profit organizations.
- Facilitated negotiations between the federal government and a local water authority over the operating agreement for a surface water protection system.
- Trained staff to develop policy recommendations for the Congressman.
- Represented the Congressman at meetings, participated in panel discussions, and made public presentations on nuclear cleanup and public lands recreation issues.

Publications:

- *Oil Shale 2050: Data, Definitions and What You Need to Know about Oil Shale in the West*, Western Resource Advocates, March 2012.
- *The Politics of Cleanup*, co-authored with Energy Communities Alliance, February 2007.
- *From Cleanup to Closure: The History of the Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments*, October 2006.
- *Water Rights and Grazing Permits: Transforming Public Lands into Private Lands*, University of Colorado Law Review, col. 65, no.2 (1994)
- *Takings Law: A Guide to Government, Property, and the Constitution*, co-authored with Kathleen C. Zimmerman, Land and Water Fund of the Rockies, January 1994

Education:

University of Colorado School of Law, J.D., May 1994

Honors: University of Colorado Law Review, Casenote and Comment Editor

Activities: Environmental Law Society

Hamilton College, B.A., May 1988

Additional Details about Crescent Strategies Work

Rocky Flats Stewardship Council (March 2006 – present)

Serve as the Executive Director for a fourteen member governmental organization focused on the long-term management of the Department of Energy's Rocky Flats nuclear weapons facility. Responsibilities include developing and implementing the annual strategic plan and budget, working with the Board of Directors in developing policies related to human health and water quality protections, and all facets of managing the organization.

Regional Coalition of LANL Communities (2010, 2012)

Worked with local governments to establish the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities, a multi-jurisdictional organization focused on the remediation of and long-term funding for the Department of Energy's Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). Spearheaded the development of the Regional Coalition's mission, strategic focus and work plan, facilitated public Board of Directors meetings, and worked with the Washington D.C.-based advisor on the suite of federal policy and appropriation issues.

Energy Communities Alliance (2005 – 2007, 2010 – 2011, 2014)

Co-authored with Energy Communities Alliance (ECA) *The Politics of Cleanup*, an in-depth analysis of the success factors critical to the Department of Energy's success in remediating Rocky Flats and the Mound weapons facility. *The Politics of Cleanup* carefully and thoughtfully examines the often overlooked critical role of local communities, states, and tribal nations as partners with the Department of Energy in all aspects of facilities cleanup, including overcoming the many challenges that emerge. Worked with ECA member governments and professional staff in establishing local government priorities under the Department of Energy's Asset Reindustrialization Initiative.

Southern Ohio Diversification Initiative (2003 – 2008)

Advised the Executive Director on the development of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee and the Southern Ohio Diversification Initiative's engagement on the Department of Energy's Global Nuclear Energy Partnership. Developed strategic plans and budgets, designed the organizational structure, and developed and facilitated two community meetings.

Western Resource Advocates (February 2008 – October 2013)

Served as the oil shale and tar sands policy advisor for a regional non-profit conservation organization. Designed and implemented the project-specific strategic plan. Successes included working with federal and state agencies, Congress, national and regional conservation organizations, and others to secure a decision to protect more than 1.6 million acres of federal public land, while increasing vital environmental protections. Advised the President on strategic initiatives and other issues.

Western Energy Project (October 2013 – present)

Direct the organization's oil shale work. Work with Congress and federal agencies to secure policy objectives, manage media work, and advise on the organization's strategic direction.

REGIONAL COALITION OF LANL COMMUNITIES STRATEGIC PLAN

Mission:

The mission of the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities is to:

1. Advocate for diverse and sustainable LANL missions,
2. Address the environmental, economic, and other opportunities of LANL, and
3. Serve as a focal point for communication, advocacy and education regarding LANL.

Goals:

In furtherance of this mission, the Regional Coalition adopted the following goals:

1. Engage LANL, DOE, state of New Mexico and others on site issues
2. Increase the communities' voice, including state and federal legislative advocacy
3. Discuss and proactively address issues, and strategize on how to meet regional needs
4. Identify and support economic opportunities to promote LANL activities off-site
5. Ensure site activities and cleanup protect human health and the environment

Governance & Approach:

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

Strategic Plan Elements:

The Strategic Plan is divided into the following four sections:

1. Site Mission/Mission Diversification/Economic Development
2. Environmental Stewardship
3. Communications and Engagement
4. Business Operations

Site Mission/Mission Diversification/Economic Development

Overview:

LANL is the largest employer in Northwest New Mexico and a critical economic driver in the region. Sustaining and diversifying LANL's missions and protecting the environment through

design, planning and execution are central to the site's long-term viability and, in turn, essential to the long-term economic and social health of the regional communities.

Activities:

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

Environmental Stewardship

Overview:

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

Activities:

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

Communications and Engagement

Overview:

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

Activities:

1. Evaluate policy and legislation for impacts on regional communities

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

Business Operations

Overview:

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

Activities:

1. Secure federal, state and local funding
2. Operate organization in compliance with applicable local, state and federal regulations
3. Prepare and adopt the annual strategic plan and the annual budget
4. File grant reports (as necessary)
5. Pay bills

PRESS INFORMATION

By Mark Oswald / Journal Staff Writer

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GMO tree plan grows a debate in Española



A genetically engineered version of the white poplar tree would be used to produce a rose oil product in Española under a proposal by Ealasad Inc. (Courtesy of USDA-NRCS Plants Database/D.E. Herman)

Who knew that rose oil, or at least a major component of rose oil, could be the next big agricultural product in the Española Valley?

A scientist from Washington State University wants to plant genetically engineered poplar trees along the Rio Grande on the north side of Española that will produce 2-phenylethanol, which provides the sweet scent of roses.

The market for the stuff, now mostly produced synthetically from non-

renewable resources (roses themselves apparently aren't terribly efficient), is huge. It's used in foods, candy, flavored teas and other drinks, lotions, soaps and powders.

"There's probably not a day goes by that you don't consume it or put it on your body," said Keith Jones, who is partnering in the project with Norman Lewis, director of Washington State's Institute of Biological Chemistry.

Jones said the idea of producing natural chemical products in trees is "cutting edge" and that Lewis is one of the world's experts in the science of how chemicals accumulate in plants and changing them to produce more or different substances.

The poplar trees would be mowed down after they get 6 to 8 feet tall. A simple steaming process would distill the 2-phenylethanol on site.

Jones described the project as "high-density, high-value agriculture."

It would start with five employees but would be expected to eventually employ 30 to 50 people.

The Española City Council has approved leasing the city-owned, 93-acre Prince/Carter Ranch to Ealasad Inc., Lewis and Jones' company.

But not everyone in northern New Mexico is happy about the possible coming of genetically engineered trees.

Some area farmers and others have signed petitions against the project, and they were recently sent to Española officials. So far about 150 signatures have been filed, but more are being gathered at farmers markets and elsewhere.

“We feel that this genetically engineered material threatens our ecosystem and our ability to make a living as farmers and ranchers,” says one petition.

It notes that Española recently removed invasive species such as salt cedar, Russian olives and Siberian elms from the Rio Grande’s riparian area. “We feel that your GMO (genetically modified organism) poplars will be more detrimental than those you have just removed, as it threatens all poplars in the ecosystem including cottonwood, willow and aspen.”

Gregg Nussbaum, of the Camino de la Paz School and Farm in Santa Cruz, has been leading the effort. He said the prospect of another non-native tree species is “an enormous thing” for anyone who manages land.

Matt Romero, a well-known provider of organic vegetables with farms at Alcalde and Dixon, said: “What if this is the next Russian thistle or Siberia elm that can’t be controlled?”

The poplar tree project brings the international debate over GMOs to the Española Valley. Opponents are worried about possible unforeseen consequences. “This is genetically engineered material that has never existed before on the face of the Earth,” Nussbaum said. “No one is thinking of the repercussions of putting that stuff out there.”

“It seems like releasing a beast that doesn’t need to be there,” Romero said.

Nussbaum questioned why the city’s “absolutely pristine, premium” Prince/Carter Ranch land hasn’t been offered to local growers. He said 20 small farmers could make \$60,000 to \$100,000 a year each from the property.

Romero said the poplar project “can’t be the answer for this small little ranch in an area that is as historic as historic gets.”

‘Value-added agriculture’

Eric Vasquez, of the nonprofit Regional Development Corp. in Española that works with Los Alamos National Laboratory and local communities to promote economic development, maintains the project is in fact a way to sustain the area’s agriculture. “It’s never going to be a huge employer, but for a community that wants to maintain its agricultural base, this is creating value-added agriculture,” he said.

He added: “The USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) has to sign off before any tree goes in the ground.”

Lewis says the project would operate under strict federal controls and that the poplar trees will never pollinate. The fast-growing plants will be harvested up to twice a year and then removed before they're 5 years old, when pollination begins, he said.

Lewis defends the work of scientists "trying to meet humanity's needs" by studying plants and how to improve the production of beneficial substances, and said there's no evidence of any problems from the kind of genetic engineering used in his poplar trees. He asked what would happen if blight wiped out a tree that produced chemicals used to fight cancer. "We're simply trying to understand how plants work and make the things we know they generate," he said.

Jones noted that the poplar trees aren't food plants, often the focus of GMO criticism. He added that Ealasad is no giant agribusiness. "We're not Monsanto," he said. "At this point we're just two guys."

Under the city lease, there will be no rent through 2015 and after that the rate for the 10-year term is \$28,000 annually plus \$300 per acre-foot of water used from a well at the ranch.

Project not definite

Jones and local officials emphasized that no final decision has been made to go forward with tree plantings at the Española site.

There's clearly worry among supporters of the project that public opposition could scare away Lewis and Jones and their poplars. At a meeting last week of the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities, a study of the project was proposed to answer questions about the ecological safety of the project.

Although LANL has no direct connection to the project at this point, Vasquez said Lewis could end up with a part-time job at the lab.

Darien Cabral, executive director of the LANL communities coalition, said the Ealasad project represents a first effort to recruit high-tech economic development to the Española Valley instead of having lab patents or tech offshoots producing jobs out of state.

Cabral said no one wants to see the valley's traditional crops potentially endangered but the genetically engineered poplars aren't food plants and represent a strictly controlled exception that should cause no problems.

At last week's meeting, Española Mayor Alice Lucero said there is "a lot of misunderstanding" about the trees. "We need to educate the community and the region on what is happening on the ranch," she said.

At this point, it looks like both sides will make sure that kind of education takes place in the near future.

LANL makes strides in cleaning up 'Area G' waste site

By Staci Matlock

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Shipments of radioactive waste out of Los Alamos National Laboratory are on schedule to meet a state deadline despite a shutdown of the containment facility near Carlsbad, but the lab still has to finish dealing with other types of waste buried at an old legacy dump.

For decades, Los Alamos National Laboratory stored radioactive waste in pits, trenches and deep shafts on lab property.

The lab and its nuclear overseers at the U.S. Department of Energy have spent the last few years cleaning up the mess under an order from the state Environment Department. They're trying to ensure no radioactive contamination is drifting into groundwater that could affect nearby communities such as Santa Fe.

Two top officials overseeing cleanup of the 63-a

The lab is almost finished removing transuranic waste — _____, tools, debris and other materials contaminated with plutonium and other radioactive elements — b

The lab began storing radioactive waste at Area G, between the San Ildefonso Pueblo and White Rock, in 1957.

As part of the cleanup effort, the lab has been shipping plutonium-contaminated transuranic waste down to the Waste Isolation Pilot Project near Carlsbad for underground storage in a salt bed. The lab is supposed to finish shipping out the transuranic waste by June. The lab had shipped 4,500 containers and was on track to remove the final containers by mid-April, when a radioactive leak at WIPP forced officials to temporarily close the facility.

With a backup plan in place to send the final containers to a facility in Texas, "we are in the home stretch at Los Alamos," Mousseau

told the coalition. "We're still a little bit ahead of schedule."

The lab and the Department of Energy now are proposing a closure plan for Area G. They've considered a dozen plans for closing and monitoring dump sites on the property, with costs ranging from \$186 million to \$298 million, said Pete Maggiore, deputy assistant manager for the Department of Energy's Environmental Projects Office.

The lab's preferred solution is to engineer an 8-foot-thick cap of bentonite clay and crushed rock over the dump pits and shafts. The cap would be installed in phases as Area G operations close, according to lab information.

The state will make the final decision on the closure plan after holding public meetings.

Completing the cleanup and closure is contingent on federal funding and on the lab and Energy Department meeting the state's requirements.

The state has accommodated the lab since Gov. Susana Martinez's administration came to office in 2011. The Environment Department has given the lab 65 extensions on different aspects of the environmental cleanup order since 2011. The extensions range from 32 days to two years.

The state inked the compliance order with the Department of Energy and the lab's operators in 2005, and it was last revised in 2012.

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SANTA FE — Los Alamos National Laboratory expects to meet a June 30 deadline imposed by the state to remove 3,706 cubic meters of nuclear waste in containers that have been stored on the ground.

The material, which has been threatened by wildfires in the past, now will go to rural west Texas temporarily, because of the shuttering of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad.

Jeff Mousseau, LANL's director for environmental programs, said at a meeting of local government leaders in Santa Fe Friday that 3,171 cubic meters of the transuranic waste has been shipped out over the past couple of years.

That leaves 535 cubic meters in the last of thousands of barrels of plutonium-contaminated clothing, tools, rags and other debris.

The remaining material should be ready for shipment by next month, Mousseau said. "We are on schedule," he said.

Gov. Susana Martinez's administration set the June deadline for removal of the above-ground waste after the storage site was threatened by the massive Las Conchas wildfire in 2011.

The Department of Energy and WIPP's operator announced this week that they have signed an agreement with Waste Control Specialists to truck the waste to its site in Andrews County, Texas.

The waste, which is shipped and stored in huge sealed canisters, would come back to New Mexico for final disposal once the WIPP reopens.

"We are pleased that WCS is in a position to provide temporary storage for this waste while the WIPP is shutdown," said Waste Control Specialists President Rod Baltzer.

"This will allow the Los Alamos National Laboratory to meet its goal of having this material removed by this summer so it can no longer be threatened by wildfires. WCS has never had a wildfire because all surrounding areas are covered with asphalt and caliche roadways. In addition, the waste will be in storage facilities that have sprinkler system, and in the event of an emergency, WCS has its own fire truck on site."

But not everyone applauded the plan.

Plan criticized

Watchdog Greg Mello of the Los Alamos Study Group says that shipping the waste twice increases the chance of an accident because it has to be loaded and unloaded twice. And he notes that "there is essentially no danger of wildfire, the surrounding vegetation having been burned."

The West Texas site has in the past taken some less toxic waste from Los Alamos, but WIPP is the nation's only permanent repository for low-level radioactive waste from nuclear weapons facilities.

Waste Control Specialists is licensed to take radioactive materials such as uranium, plutonium and thorium from commercial power plants, academic institutions and [medical schools](#), as well as some DOE waste. It is also the burial ground for dirt from a Hudson River Superfund site that's tainted with

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Chuck McDonald, a spokesman for the plant, said federal officials are working with regulators at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to make sure that storing the Los Alamos waste is allowable under its permits.

The waste from decades of bomb building has been stored outside on a mesa. Following the WIPP, the state and Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.M., emphasized that the June deadline was non-negotiable.

"Removing waste from the mesa in Los Alamos before fire season is critical to ensure safety in the greater Los Alamos community," Udall said in a statement Thursday. "I'm pleased we have a temporary solution that will ensure there will not be any significant disruption in cleanup efforts."

Los Alamos spokesman Matt Nerzig said the lab's target date to resume shipments is April 1. He said Los Alamos anticipates about 140 more shipments to clear the remaining 20 percent of the waste over the next three months.

WIPP stopped taking all waste shipments following a Feb. 5 underground truck fire. Nine days later, a radiation release contaminated 17 workers and sent particles of plutonium and americium in the air around the plant.

The plant has been closed ever since, and officials are working on plans to get underground to figure out what caused the leak and the extent of contamination.

A team that investigated the truck fire last week issued a report that cited a series of shortcomings in safety training, emergency response and oversight. It is unclear, however, if the fire and leak are related.

And because no one has yet been inside the half-mile deep mine since the leak, there are no estimates on how long the plant might be shuttered for cleanup.

Richard Dolgener, the county judge for Andrews County, said the DOE has had the West Texas plant "on the drawing board" as a contingency to the nuclear waste dump for about 10 years.

"I guess they're going to execute it," he said

Cyrus Reed, spokesman for the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, questioned whether temporary means one year or 100 years.

Waste Control Specialists, he said, is "becoming a catch-all site for anyone's problem."

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Dear Ms. Lebak and Mr. Maggiore,

I am pleased to enclose Recommendation 2014-01, unanimously adopted by the Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board at its April 9, 2014 meeting in Pojoaque, New Mexico.

Please call M. Lee Bishop, DDFO or Menice Santistevan, Executive Director, if you have questions regarding this recommendation. We look forward to the response from the Department of Energy.

Sincerely,

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NORTHERN NEW MEXICO CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD
Recommendation to the Department of Energy
No. 2014-01
FY 2016 BUDGET PRIORITIES
Drafted by: Carlos Valdez

Background

The Order on Consent was signed on March 1, 2005, by the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), the Department of Energy (DOE), and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). In this document, LANL agreed to a schedule for completion of cleanup at various sites on the LANL grounds. At the time of signing this agreement, both sides indicated that appropriate cleanup could be completed by the end of 2015. It has since been determined by all parties that insufficient funding has put this timeline at risk, and the deadline will not be met. NMED has granted over 90 deadline extensions.

The Northern New Mexico Citizen's Advisory Board (NNMCAB) has consistently assisted and supported LANL Environmental Management (EM) in developing the clean-up priorities in and around the Laboratory. Due mostly in part to the dangers and risks manifested by the Las Conchas fire, LANL, NMED and DOE/EM met in December 2011 and developed a Framework Agreement that would expedite the removal of above ground Transuranic (TRU) Waste (3706 Campaign). The 3706 Campaign does not carry the same mandatory responsibilities that the Consent Order carries; however, it does realign work efforts from the original plan. Successful completion of this campaign will entail moving most of the above-ground activity and TRU volume out of Area G by the end of June 2014, and reprioritizes other clean-up efforts.

Comments and Observations

Since the roll-out of the Framework Agreement on January 5th, 2012, LANL has successfully realigned clean-up priorities, and continues to meet all regulatory milestones within budget constraints. To date, the LANL shipment of TRU waste off Laboratory property has been a record breaking performance. In spite of the salt truck fire and radiation leak at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, LANL remains on target for the successful completion of the 3706 Campaign. Once this has been accomplished, LANL, DOE, and NMED will meet to develop the next logical campaign that should guide clean-up efforts in 2015 and 2016.

The Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board was asked to participate and provide input into the development of yearly work plans and the formulation of annual budget requests that prioritized clean-up efforts in 2015 (see Recommendation 2013-03). This recommendation provides DOE EM with the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 budget priorities that the NNMCAB recommends for consideration.

1 **Recommendation**

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- 3 1. The NNMCAB recommends DOE/EM provide the Board with a detailed analysis of what
- 4 deliverables remain to be completed in the Order on Consent in FY 2016.
- 5 2. The NNMCAB recommends DOE/EM address possible future short-term campaigns and
- 6 update the NNMCAB with options being considered for FY 2016.
- 7 3. The NNMCAB recommends that DOE/EM focus on water quality, to include the
- 8 Chromium/Perchlorate Plume located in and around LANL property, as one of the top
- 9 clean-up priorities in FY 2016.
- 10 4. The NNMCAB recommends that DOE/EM work with the Bureau of Reclamation on
- 11 monitoring surface water and groundwater on the west side of the Rio Grande that could
- 12 affect the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System Diversion, in FY 2016.
- 13 5. The NNMCAB recommends that DOE/EM focus on all remaining below ground TRU in
- 14 Area G, to include the 33 Shafts, Trenches A-D, and Pit 9, in FY 2016.
- 15 6. The NNMCAB recommends DOE/EM develop a path forward for the long-term
- 16 stewardship of TA-21, for possible land transfer to Los Alamos County.
- 17 7. The NNMCAB recommends DOE/EM to provide the Board with the Corrective Measures
- 18 Evaluation (CME) being considered for TA-49.
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20 **Intent**

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22 It is the intent of the NNMCAB to utilize the opportunity DOE/EM has given to the stakeholders, to

23 have input and participate in formulating budget requests and work priorities.

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25 **References**

- 26
- 27 1. FY 2014 Waste Management and Environmental Monitoring and Remediation Committee Work
- 28 Plans
- 29 2. Compliance Order on Consent, signed March 1, 2005
- 30 3. Framework Agreement: Realignment of Environmental Priorities, January 2012
- 31 4. NNMCAB Recommendation 2013-03

Hello Darien,

As per our conversation this afternoon, I previously met with Mayor Alice Lucero about the work of the NNM CAB. During our discussion, I mentioned that we were planning a NNM CAB tour of Rocky Flats in August. She asked if it would be possible for the members and staff of the Regional Coalition to go on the tour also. I thought it was a great opportunity for the members of both groups to have a chance to spend some time together, learning about clean-up of a major site, cap and cover and long term stewardship and legacy management.

I have tentatively scheduled the tour for Aug. 19 - 21. We would travel via chartered bus to Westminster, Colorado on Aug. 19th, tour the facility most of the day on Aug. 20th and return to Santa Fe Aug. 21st. The RCLC members and staff would pay for their hotel rooms and meals; the NNM CAB budget will cover the cost of the bus.

Carlos, Doug and I will be at a meeting at Hanford all next week and will be unable to attend the RCLC meeting. Dr. Nona Girardi will attend for the NNM CAB. Please announce this invitation during the meeting and ask the members to get this on their calendars, if they are interested in attending.

Thank you,

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