MINUTES OF THE

COUNTY OF SANTA FE

INTER-GOVERNMENTAL SUMMIT

March 23, 2001

This Inter-Governmental Summit was convened at approximately 9:00 a.m. by Santa Fe County Manager Samuel Montoya at Bishop's Lodge, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

With the presence of a quorum of Santa Fe County Commission, these notes serves as official minutes.

County Commissioners:

Commissioner Paul Duran, Chairman Commissioner Marcos Trujillo, Vice Chairman Commissioner Javier Gonzales Commissioner Paul Campos Commissioner Jack Sullivan

Other Elected County Officials:

Benito Martinez, Assessor Phillip Trujillo, Treasurer Ray Sisneros, Sheriff Becky Bustamante, Clerk

County Staff:

Samuel Montoya, County Manager
Steve Kopelman, County Attorney
Estevan Lopez, Land Use Administrator
Roman Abeyta, Deputy Land Use Administrator
Doug Sayre, Utilities Director
Robert Anaya, CHEDD Director
Corky Ojinaga, Resource Development Director
Stan Holden, Fire Chief
James Lujan, Public Works Director

County Staff (con't) Rudy Garcia, Policy Analyst Virginia Vigil, Policy Analyst Terry Brenner, Policy Analyst

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Other Elected Officials and Dignitaries:

Congressman Tom Udall Senator Phil Griego Jim Romero, Interim Santa Fe City Manager Craig O'Hare, City Water Utility Director Leonard Padilla, Española City Manager Alfredo Montoya, Rio Arriba County Commissioner Moises Morales, Rio Arriba County Commissioner Governor Regis Pecos, Cochiti Pueblo Governor David Perez, Nambe Pueblo Governor Perry Martinez, San Ildefonso Pueblo Bernie Teba, Eight Northern Pueblos Council Lt. Gov. Leonard Montoya, San Juan Pueblo Alyn Martinez, Pojoaque Pueblo Bennie Atencio, Santo Domingo Pueblo Ernie Lovato, Santo Domingo Pueblo Andy Quintana, Cochiti Pueblo Joe Trujillo, Office of Senator Domenici Joe Ruiz, Office of Senator Bingaman Theresa Aguilar, Office of Congressman Udall Mike Hamman, Jicarilla Apache Representative Stephen Burstein, Regional Planning Authority Director Pedro Romero, Nambe Valley Acequia Association Florine Gutierrez, Southern Pueblos BIA Nona Tuchawena, Southern Pueblos BIA Charlie Marcus, BIA-NPA Peter Chestnut, Attorney for San Ildefonso Charlie Tapia, NPTWRA Daniel Dolan, Dolan & Domenici Charles Laken, Dolan & Domenici Richard Zephier, Indian Hospital Services Henry Townsend, PNM Frank Aragon, PNM Richarda Bears Ghost, IHS, Santa Clara Health Board Martha Trujillo, Santa Clara Health Board Christina Armijo, LANL Tom Cordova, LANL Orlando Romero, Pojoaque Pueblo Ed Gonzales, ELG Engineering

Opening Remarks 1886491

Santa Fe County Commission Chairman Paul Duran welcomed the participants and stated he was honored to be a part of what he "hoped would be the beginning of a collaborative effort to find solutions to issues that have remained unsolved for far too long...We live in an area that is rich in tradition and culture and together we must find ways to work with one another so that the people of northern New Mexico can foster and take full advantage of the many opportunities which the people of this great nation have made available to us. We live in a time where man's ingenuity and invention have opened doors that go far beyond the expectations of our forefathers. We can do so much together if we allow respect and understanding to guide us into the future."

Commissioner Trujillo also thanked those presents and stated, "By our presence today we have planted a seed, a seed that can grow and be nurtured in ways to its full fruition. It is my hope that this tribal summit will provide one of the many opportunities for nurturing and nourishing this seed. We come together with many agendas and issues that require resolution for the people who have entrusted us to serve them. Through communication and cooperation we share with this day forward will provide the nurturing and nourishment towards resolution. As elected officials and staff of our respective governments, we learn about these issues on a day to day basis. It is my hope that this tribal summit not only open lines of communication but perhaps more importantly create the mutual understanding of these issues that we all face. It is our caring and understanding that will provide the sustenance for this seed to grow.

"It is also my hope that we will set future forums for resolution of our issues. If we accomplish this today, we will set the agenda for reaping what we sow." Commissioner Trujillo noted how appropriate it was that the summit take place in spring, payo gere, primavera.

Commissioner Gonzales indicated he was there to listen and learn and come to understand how to work collectively on behalf of their communities.

Commissioner Sullivan said he looked forward to getting to know those present to be able to start the process of working together.

Commissioner Campos also thanked everyone for coming and stated they were all part of one community sharing the same land, air and history.

County Manager Montoya noted that this meeting has been contemplated for a year and a half and the intention and hope was to open the lines of communication. He stated it is only during times of crisis, when a major issue arises that talk is initiated. He asked everyone to be honest, clear and concise in expressing their history and hopes for the future, particularly how they can help one another. He referred to the census numbers that appeared in the morning paper, noting there has been a 30 percent gain in Santa Fe County in the past ten years. He said they need to talk about the impacts of this growth, and it is only logical to share resources to improve the quality of life for all.

Manager Montoya commended Commissioner Trujillo for providing the impetus behind the summit and closed with a quote from Oliver Wendell Holmes. "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

An invocation in Tewa was given by Governor Perry Martinez of San Ildefonso Pueblo.

Manager Montoya introduced Craig Barnes, facilitator for the event. Mr. Barnes noted the meeting felt historic and would be an opportunity to work on issues that know no borders, such as air, traffic, water and drugs. It is necessary to be good neighbors. He asked everyone to introduce himself and express any issues on his mind.

During the course of introductions, Mr. Barnes noted the following areas of concern broached by various participants:

HEALTH CARE LAW ENFORCEMENT **DRUGS & ALCOHOL RIVER LITTER QUALITY OF LIFE/BALANCE BUILD ON PAST EMERGENCY SERVICES ROADS UTILITIES RIGHTS-OF-WAY CELL TOWERS** RURAL ADDRESSING LAND ISSUES JURISDICTION WASTEWATER **CURRENT WATER SERVICES FUNDING DETENTION FACILITIES** ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RECONCILIATION YOUTH PROGRAMS HOUSING

GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT
COMMUNICATION
PROCESS
HARMONY/RESPECT
TRUE PARTNERSHIP

After a break, the summit reconvened with further introductions. Mr. Barnes noted there was an abundance of good will and that he foresaw good prospects for working on the issues. He said it was important to hold on to what's precious while structuring a partnership in reality. He then asked for input on what the hardest issue was going to be, as well as examples of issues that would be relatively straightforward.

Cochiti Pueblo Governor Regis Pecos reiterated some of the statements he made during the introductions to the effect that the issues need to be categorized before proceeding and a necessary first step was to delineate the frameworks that are currently in place by way of policies for dealing with the issues at hand.

Santo Domingo Pueblo's Ernie Lovato agreed, adding that County personnel need training in understanding how interwoven the issues are.

Chairman Duran nominated the toughest issue as road and access.

Mr. Bennie Atencio from Santo Domingo spoke in favor of a new humanitarian approach embodying trust and respect.

Manager Montoya pointed out there are County programs in place, with funding to deal with many of the concerns raised. There is a memorandum of understanding with St. Vincent Hospital that provides a framework for healthcare delivery with programs on substance abuse. There are also DWI programs, and funded initiatives on black tar heroin. He stated these programs can be structured for everyone's benefit. Additionally, there are plans for a mobile health care/dental care unit that can be scheduled out to the tribes under the health care umbrella. Many of these programs have state and federal funding tie-ins.

Mr. Richard Zephier from IHS pointed out that attempts to take advantage of County programs are often met with protests. He was also concerned about jurisdiction problems that prevented or delayed police assistance at the hospital. Remedies would require enabling legislation.

San Ildefonso Pueblo Governor Perry Martinez recommended that a government to government policy be developed and recognized there were MOUs in place on DWIs and the Raney facility.

Commissioner Gonzales agreed that before talking about real issues, the lines of communication have to be established. Rio Arriba County Commissioner Montoya also proposed institutionalizing a protocol to ensure continuity. Commissioner Trujillo stated many of the problems they have are created in Washington, particularly those involving jurisdiction and roads, and this creates a schism.

Mr. Trujillo from the Office of Senator Domenici gave the Jicarilla water

agreement as an example of a success and stated that Senator Domenici was eager to see agreements made without federal intervention.

CHEDD Director Robert Anaya indicated that a representative from the Eight Northern Pueblos has been collaborating with the DWI Planning Council and he welcomed their involvement.

The summit recessed for lunch where Congressman Tom Udall spoke to the participants. He stressed the need to work together and thanked the McCune Foundation and the Los Alamos National Laboratories for their sponsorship of this historic gathering.

In response to a question from Commissioner Trujillo about federal attitudes towards the issues under discussion, Congressman Udall stated that many of the old treaties offered education and health care in exchange for land, and historically, these commitments have not been fulfilled. He noted that Indian Health Care averaged \$1,000 to service an individual whereas HMOs generally spend around \$5,500, which bespeaks a greater efficiency.

Gov. Pecos provided an framework for visualizing categories in areas where there are already policies in place:

SOCIAL SERVICES (STATE/TRIBAL) **HEALTH CARE** (STATE POLICY) LAW ENFORCEMENT (CROSS COMMISSIONING) **FIRE SAFETY** (STATE/TRIBAL JUDICIAL CONSORTIUM LAND, ROADS (USE EASEMENTS) **WATER RESOURCES** (STATE/FED/JICARILLA) **CULTURAL RESOURCE ISSUES** (UNMARKED BURIAL SITES) (STATE & FEDERAL LAW/POLICY) **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATER QUALITY TOWERS**

Gov. Pecos proposed the next logical step would be to establish working groups between the tribes and the County. He noted the Eight Northern Pueblos were in an enviable position since the director is already conversant with issues and policies. He asked that the work groups come up with something everyone can sign, a consistent set of

behaviors for continuity across administrations and terms. This will lead to a lasting framework so when a dispute arises, the courts can be avoided.

Rio Arriba County Commissioner Montoya noted there were two indigenous groups, one with land and one without. He said there were many social ills but also many shared values and it is important to understand the workings of the tribal governments. He advocated consultation on the cellular communications towers.

Santo Domingo Representative Lovato lamented the absence of representatives from San Felipe and from Sandoval County. He suggested the next meeting could be hosted by one of the tribes.

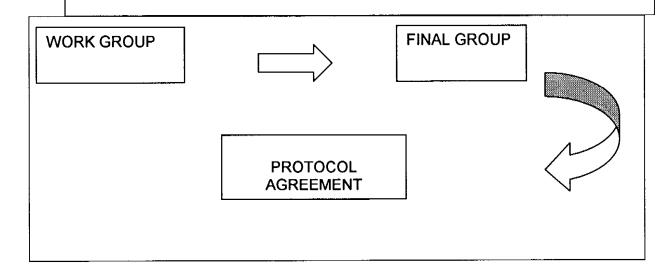
Mr. Barnes noted there seemed to be a consensus about the working group and it was agreed that Gov. Pecos and Manager Montoya would meet within 15 days and the entire group to reconvene in approximately 30 days.

NEXT STEP

- AGREE TO PROCESS, REVIEW EACH CATEGORY OF ISSUE
- WHAT'S IN PLACE?
- WHAT'S MISSING?
- WHAT'S NEEDED?

FURTHER ARTICULATE, DELINEATE: OUR DESIRED RELATIONSHIP, SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES

GOVERNOR PECOS AND MANAGER MONTOYA
TO MEET IN 15 DAYS



Eight Northern Pueblo Council Representative Teba spoke in favor of dealing with such concrete issues as wastewater immediately. He said the people want answers. He added that

tribes are also concerned with regional transit issues.

Española City Manager Padilla indicated there are already committees working on regional wastewater, but communications issues were a necessary first step.

IHS Representative Zephier stated the working group could be charged with establishing priorities. BIA Representative Marcus agreed, saying the mission today was not to fix the problems it was to find a way to fix the problems.

CHEDD Director Anaya asked if the working group was going to compile a database on what's in place and what's needed. Then different people could be consulted on their views.

Gov. Pecos stated he understood this was a long-term process and recognized committees were already working on some of the issues.

Santo Domingo's Mr. Atencio commended Gov. Pecos for his efforts on working on future policy and reminded him that they were subject to federal laws and state MOUs. He asked if the cities and State Engineer were to be consulted as well.

Gov. Pecos offered that he and Manager Montoya would coordinate efforts, but not do all the work.

Mr. Barnes asked those assembled to think about a leadership team or a facilitator for the coming meetings.

Manager Montoya thanked Los Alamos National Laboratories and the McCune Foundation for their sponsorship.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m.

Approved by:

Board of County Commissioners

Paul Duran, Chairman

Respectfully submitted:

ATTEST TO:

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For: REBECCA BUSTAMANTE (
SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK

