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**Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board Meeting**  
**April 10, 2007**  
**2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
**Jemez Complex, Santa Fe Community College**  
**6401 Richards Avenue**  
**Santa Fe, New Mexico**

**Attending:**

Christina Houston, Deputy Designated Federal Officer (DDFO)

Gaeton Falance, Assistant DDFO

**NNMCAB Members:**

J. D. Campbell, NNM CAB Chair

Grace Perez, NNM CAB Vice Chair

Fran Berting

Robert Gallegos

**NNMCAB Nominees:**

Larry Rapagnani

Terry Boyle

Ralph Phelps

Susan Crutchfield

Donald Dayton

Gerald Maestas

**Ex-Officio Members:**

George Rael, DOE

Roger Liddle, DOE

Carolyn Magneng, LANS

James Bearzi, NMED

**NNMCAB Support Staff:**

Menice Santistevan, Executive Director

Lorelei Novak, Technical Programs and Outreach

Grace Roybal, Office Administrator

Eddie Roybal, Sound Technician

**Excused Absences:**

Pam Henline

David Church

Richard DeerTrack

Mary Pat Kraemer

Barbara Gonzales- Absent

Erlinda Gonzales- Absent

**Guests:**

Lorrie Bonds-Lopez, LANL

Betty Humphrey, Western Solutions

Vic Rosen, Kiewit Federal Group

Sean White, Washington Group International

Tom Starke, LANL

**Minutes:**

**I. Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum, Introduction.**

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (NNMCAB or CAB) meeting was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at the Santa Fe Community College, Jemez Complex in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The Chair, J. D. Campbell presided. Christina A. Houston, Deputy Designated Federal Officer (DDFO), stated that on behalf of the Department of Energy (DOE), the regular bi-monthly meeting of the Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (NNMCAB or CAB) was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Santistevan stated that the regular meeting of the NNM CAB was open to the public and posted in the Federal Register in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Roll call determined four members and six nominees present. The members in attendance did not make up a quorum for conducting Board business. Ms. Houston recommended the Board continue the meeting for the value of group discussion. However, Board business requiring a quorum would be held over to the next full Board meeting.

Dr. Campbell, Chair, welcomed members, Board nominees and guests to the meeting. In lieu of formally approving the agenda, Dr. Campbell asked the Board to look at the agenda and review the items on the agenda. He noted that this is Ms. Perez's last formal meeting with the Board. Her term will expire on May 3, 2007. The approval of the minutes from March 12th, 2007 was postponed to the May 2007 Board meeting due to lack of quorum.

**II. Board Business and Reports.**

The Board heard the following reports:

**a) Report from Nominating Committee for the election of Vice-Chair to complete un-expired term through Sept. 30, 2007.**

Mr. Gallegos gave the report from the nominating committee. He announced that Dr. Berting's name is the only submission to the Nominating Committee. The Chair thanked the Committee and stated that other nominations may be made at the May meeting.

**b) Report from Chair.**

Dr. Campbell's report can be found in the attachment section of these minutes.

**c) Report from DOE.**

Ms. Houston reported that the nomination packets for the six new member nominees are still being reviewed at DOE Headquarters. They are currently being reviewed by General Counsel. Mr. Doug Frost, DOE/HQ has submitted General Counsel's final comments on the CABs bylaw revisions, which will be forwarded to the Board shortly.

**d) Report from Executive Director.**

Ms. Santistevan's report can be found in the attachment section of these minutes. Her report is summarized below:

- Received one resignation from member Jim Janis. Due to his heavy travel schedule, he has decided not to be reappointed.
- Major Board recruitment campaign to be held over the next few months.
  - Encouraged the Board members to think of any one they know that might be interested in becoming a member.
  - Speakers Bureau educational outreach will be implemented to help recruit new members.
  - Planned to send a letter to cities, counties and Pueblos requesting a representative to serve on the CAB.

**e) Environmental Monitoring, Surveillance and Remediation Committee.**

Dr. Campbell gave the report for the EMSR Committee. He announced a planned fieldtrip for members to observe a well drilling project at LANL. Members who were interested to attend were asked to sign up. He also announced a LANL presentation April 11, 2007 on Groundwater and the Chromium Investigation to be held at Fuller Lodge in Los Alamos.

Ms. Henline, EMSR Committee Chair, provided a written report for the Committee which can be found in the attachment section of these minutes.

**f) Waste Management Committee.**

Dr. Campbell gave the report for the WM Committee. The Committee is scheduled to prepare responses to WM Committee authored recommendations to the DOE. The Committee is working with LANL regarding a public discussion on excavation alternatives for Material Disposal Area G.

**III. Facilitated Discussion: "What's on Your Mind"?**

Grace Perez headed a facilitated discussion for the Board—see handout/memo. The discussion was informal in nature. She asked each Board member to say something no one else knew about them. Ms. Perez then directed the discussion to look at how the Board worked. She stated that the Board was a 'goal oriented group' and she asked the Board members to describe what they thought was expected of CAB members. She stated the Board was comprised of members with different backgrounds, and everyone's voice is valuable.

In another round robin discussion each member described their opinion of what is expected of the CAB members.

**A summary of member's remarks can be found below:**

**Larry Rapagnani:**

Dr. Rapagnani wanted clarification as to whether the Board's charter only covered Legacy Waste.

**Gerald Maestas:**

Mr. Maestas commented that he has no quarrel with technical people versus non-technical people. He is a technical person and hoped that would be his input to the Board. He was still trying to put his 'arms around the forest.' Thought the people who gave the LANL tour were very enthusiastic.

**Fran Berting:**

Dr. Berting was bothered by the recent articles in The Albuquerque Journal from a

retired LANL employee and 'inflammatory' response from the State—reflected a conflict between the two agencies. The Consent Order was meant to allow the LAB to get more money, similar to Hanford's Tri-party agreement. She wondered if the CAB could help get the agencies together for compromise and negotiation. She suggested that the Board's function at this point would be information finding to help the negotiation process. If there still is intransigence/inflexibility between the two parties; that is what they needed to work on.

**Donald Dayton:**

Mr. Dayton expressed his opinion that the thought the DOE should be able to procure money to cover the Environmental Management Budget. Consent order is binding and the DOE needed to figure out where the money can be found. The question was what is the crux issue? Was it funding issues with the Consent Order or what is causing delays—can this CAB find out the crux issue? What is the relationship with NMED and what can the CAB do to expedite the work on the Consent Order given the limitations are funding, what are the focuses and priorities using the available resources? Do fines divert from clean up? Does LANL have anything to do with this, are they making the most of the money they have? Not only a confusing situation for this Board, but for the general public as well.

Other members either passed or stated agreement with previous statements made during the round table discussion.

**IV. Wrap-up Facilitated Discussion.**

Ms. Perez asked for ideas for the next roundtable discussion: 'a discussion of the requested presentations.' Larry Rapagnani made a formal request for the July CAB meeting:

- a. Overview of the Consent Order and what's in it.
- b. A presentation from NMED on the Consent Order and what it means to New Mexico.
- c. Presentation from DOE on what the Consent Order means to LASO—to present the issues plainly to the Board to allow the Board to make more considered recommendations.

**V. Report from Ad Hoc Committee on Annual Retreat.**

The general consensus of the group was that they would like to have an overview of the Consent Order, which would include presentations by NMED and DOE as well as a neutral presentation. They also considered the possibility of getting a lawyer or someone neutral to do the third presentation. Dr. Campbell agreed to check into the neutral presentation. Ms. Santistevan sent out a memo to the Ad Hoc Committee with a draft Annual Retreat agenda. The Committee planned to meet shortly to review and finalize the agenda to include suggestions made at this meeting.

**VI. Report from Ex-Officio Members.**

**1. DOE: George Rael**

Mr. Rael provided the Board with a report from the DOE. A summary of his report can be found attached to these minutes.

**2. LANS/LANL: Carolyn Mangeng**

Ms. Mangeng provided the Board with a report from LANS. A summary of her report can be found attached to these minutes.

**3. NMED: James Bearzi**

Mr. Bearzi provided the Board with a report from the NMED. A summary of his report can be found attached to these minutes.

**4. EPA: Rich Mayer**

Mr. Mayer was not present at the meeting to provide a report to the Board.

**VII. Public Comment.**

No one signed up for public comment.

**VIII. Presentation on Los Alamos Site Office EM Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request, George Rael, Assistant Manager Environmental Operations, DOE/LASO.**

Mr. Rael provided a subject matter report entitled, "LASO Environmental Management FY 2009 Budget Request." Mr. Rael discussed how the target budget differed from base funding needed for EM Programs and timely implementation of the Consent Order. LANL's baseline is thoroughly reviewed to project accurate cost and to keep the Lab in compliance with the Order. He described the impacts on the cleanup program that could result from the funding deficiencies. Mr. Rael's presentation can be found attached to these minutes.

**IX. Round Robin.**

Each member gave input on their impressions from the Board Meeting:

**Terry Boyle:**

Mr. Boyle stated that the shroud is starting to lift and he was starting to understand the problems the Board needed to address. He appreciated the Ex-Officio comments and he thought they were very helpful.

**Ralph Phelps:**

Mr. Phelps echoed Mr. Boyle's comments. He also appreciated the Ex-Officio members. He thought they offered great perspectives. He is starting to understand the process and wanted to look at ways to capture data.

**Susan Crutchfield:**

She was confused earlier but really appreciated hearing from James Bearzi. She thought the meeting was very helpful and she learned a lot today.

**Grace Perez:**

She announced this is her last CAB meeting. She enjoyed working with CAB members and staff, and to the nominees she said, "go big."

**Larry Rapagnani:**

Dr. Rapagnani reminded the group that there was a saying in government 'follow the money.' He thanked the Ex-Officio's for bearing with the group's questions, but all they were trying to do was to understand. He thought that without money nothing would get finished. Although, this Board walked a fine line with its mission, they needed a certain level of understanding.

**Gerald Maestas:**

Mr. Maestas thanked the Ex Officio members for coming. He has gained a better understanding of what they are faced with. Considering his experience working at the

LAB, he thought there will always be a funding crunch.

**Donald Dayton:**

Mr. Dayton stated the meeting was a very informative discussion. He appreciated the candor and he now understood that we have a problem with funding. He addressed the limitations of the CAB and stated the Board needed to protect the public as a main objective.

**X. Wrap-up Discussion.**

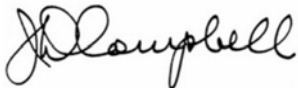
Dr. Campbell made a formal request to make copies of the Redacted Baseline Summary for the new members.

Ms. Houston, Ms. Santistevan and the Board thanked Ms. Grace Perez and Mr. Jim Janis for their time and effort on this Board. Ms. Perez has brought many different viewpoints and the DOE appreciated her hard work. Mr. Janis brought years of invaluable experience working with the EPA to the Board which helped considerably to broaden the Board's knowledge base.

**XI. Adjournment.**

Ms. Houston declared the meeting was adjourned at 7:43p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



J. D. Campbell  
Chair, NNM CAB

(Minutes prepared by Lorelei Novak, NNM CAB Technical Programs and Outreach)

**Attachments:**

1. March 12, 2007 Draft CAB Minutes.
2. April 10, 2007 Chair's Report.
3. April 10, 2007 Executive Directors Report.
4. March 14, 2007 EMSR Committee Report, Pam Henline, EMSR Committee Chair.
5. March 28-30, 2007 EM SSAB Chairs Meeting Agenda and draft letter to Secretary Rispoli dated March 30, 2007.
6. April 10, 2007 Summary of Ex-Officio Comments.
7. "Los Alamos Site Office Environmental Management FY 2009 Budget Request," April 10, 2007.
8. NNM CAB letter to DOE dated April 4, 2007.

**Public Notice:**

- *All NNM CAB meetings are recorded in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Audiotapes have been placed on file at the NNM CAB office in Santa Fe, New Mexico.*
- *Reference documents listed in the Appendix section of these minutes are available for review at the CAB office in Santa Fe.*

*4-10-07 Final CAB Minutes  
Approved by the NNM CAB on May 24, 2007*

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