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# NNMCAB Newsletter

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# NMED Secretary Talks Framework/Consent Order

ew Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ryan Flynn attended the Northern New Mexico Citizens'

Advisory Board's September Combined Committee Meeting. Secretary Flynn discussed the success of the Framework Agreement and the 3706 Campaign, noting that while the projects are not yet complete he was pleased with the results thus far. One of these successes being the record number of shipments (230) to the Waste Isolation Pilot

Plant in 2012. During his talk Secretary Flynn addressed the possibility of renegotiations on the 2005 Consent Order (CO), noting that at this time while he felt negotiations would be premature, Los Alamos National Laboratory's performance under the 2012 Framework Agreement would play a



Left to right Jeff Kendall, NMED Secretary Ryan Flynn, Tom Blaine, and Jeff Mousseau at the NNMCAB September 10, 2013 Combined Committee Meeting at Cities of Gold Conference Center

role in how and when future negotiations on the CO would take place.

To hear Secretary Flynn's complete talk visit the NNMCAB's YouTube Channel "NNMCAB".

#### NNMCAB Officer Election Results

The NNMCAB held elections for Fiscal Year 2014 at its July 31, 2013 Board meeting at Fuller Lodge in Los Alamos. NNMCAB Chair, Carlos Valdez, was reelected to serve a second term, and NNMCAB member, Doug Sayre, was elected to serve his first term as Vice-Chair.



Chair Carlos Valdez at the NNMCAB's January 2012 Meeting

New Vice-Chair Doug Sayre at the NNMCAB's May 2012 Buckman Tour



# 2013/2014 NNMCAB Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date	Venue	City
November 20, 2013	OHKAY Conference Center	Española
January 29, 2014	The Lodge at Santa Fe	Santa Fe
March 26, 2014	OHKAY Conference Center	Española
May 21, 2014	Fuller Lodge	Los Alamos
July 30, 2014	La Fonda on the Plaza	Santa Fe
September 24, 2014	Sagebrush Conference Center	Taos
November 19, 2014	Sandia Resort	Albuquerque

Dr. Deb Shaw at the NNMCAB September 25, 2013 Taos Meeting

Get to Know the Members of the NNMCAB, New & Veteran

# Bob Villarreal at the NNMCAB August 14, 2013 Combined Committee Meeting

# Environmental Affairs for the Florida Keys Electric Cooperative (FKEC), where she worked for 15 years. She has worked as an endangered species biologist, researcher, forensic toxicologist, and riparian system biologist. Dr. Shaw received a B.S. in Biological Sciences

retired as Manager of

Dr. Deb Shaw

from Florida Atlantic University, and an M.S. in Avian Sciences and Ph.D. in Biological Ecology from the University of California, Davis. She is an OSHA Level-V Incident Commander for chemical spills, an International Society of Arboriculture certified arborist, and a licensed herbicide applicator/instructor. A pub-

lished author, Dr. Shaw has also given much of her time volunteering for various organizations. She resides in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She was appointed to the board by site appointment in February 2009 and is currently serving her second full term.

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Member Dr. Deb Shaw

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board in March 2012 and is currently serving her first full term.



Brenda Gallegos at the NNMCAB September 25, 2013 Taos Meeting

# Member Brenda Gallegos

Ms. Brenda
Gallegos serves as an
Administrator for the
Juvenile Probation
and Parole Office of
the New Mexico Department of Children,
Youth and Families.
Her previous experience includes working
for the New Mexico
Legislature and serv-

ing as a state delegate for a major political party. Ms. Gallegos is interested in tribal issues, public health, and the environment. She is a high school graduate. Ms. Gallegos currently resides in Chimayo, New Mexico. She was appointed to the

Member Bob Villarreal

Mr. Bob Villarreal retired in 2008 from DOE, where he worked for 45 years as a research chemist and nuclear reactor operator. He is the author of numerous technical

reports and publications, including the Technical Guide to the Observation and Recognition of an Actinide Nuclear Weapons Material (February 2008). Mr. Villarreal earned his B.S. in Chemistry from New Mexico State University and his M.S. in

Chemistry from the University of Idaho. He is currently a deacon at his church. He resides in Los Alamos, New Mexico. Mr. Villarreal was appointed to the board by site appointment in November 2008 and is currently serving his second full term.

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### **Member Bonnie Lucas**



Ms. Bonnie Lucas teaches piano through her own business, Bonnie Lucas Piano Studios. Originally from Taos, New Mexico, Ms. Lucas attended Drake UniBonnie Lucas at the NNMCAB August 14, 2013 Combined Committee Meeting versity in Des Moines, Iowa, majoring in Theater Arts and Dance, and later studying at the world-

renowned Martha Graham School of Dance in New York City. She also wrote and performed comedy in Hollywood for over 15 years, and used her music skills to help emotionally challenged youth. Ms. Lucas and her family returned to the area in 2007, and she now resides in El Dorado, a suburb of Santa Fe, New Mexico. She has expressed interest in environmental and public health issues. Ms. Lucas was appointed to the board by site appointment in October 2011 and is currently serving her second full term.

"NNMCAB
Combined
Committee
Meetings
are the
Second
Wednesday
of the
Month at
2:00 p.m.
at the
NNMCAB
Office"

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### Member Dr. Nona Girardi

Dr. Nona Girardi is a board-certified family physician specializing in pre-natal care for the El Centro Family Health Centers of Northern New Mexico. Dr. Girardi has also worked at the Women's Health Services Family Care & Counseling Center, specializing in family medicine and obstetrics. A member of the Medical Associates of Northern New Mexico, Dr. Girardi is fluent in both Spanish and English. She received her

B.A. in Romance Languages and Literature from Harvard University, M.S. in Health and Medical Sciences from the University of California, Berkeley, and M.D. from the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Girardi completed her residency in Family Practice at the University of New Mexico Hospital in Albuquerque. Dr. Girardi constructed and designed potable water systems in Chiapas, Mexico, with a non-profit organ-

ization. She is also a member of the Sierra Club, and has expressed interest in environmental and public health issues. Dr. Girardi resides in Los Alamos, New Mexi-



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Dr. Girardi resides in Los Ala-

co. She was appointed to the board in September 2011 and is currently serving her first full term.

**Member Gerard Martinez** 

Gerard Martinez at the NNMCAB Summer 2013 BBQ

# Mr. Gerard Martinez works at Santa Fe Community College, where he was enrolled in the Environmental Technologies Program. He

previously earned

a B.F.A. from Eastern New Mexico University. Mr. Martinez is also the owner of Encantado Agency, a public relations and special events company. He possesses a vast background in academic arts and community programming and has previously worked for the State of

New Mexico, the City of Santa Fe and the Santa Fe Public Schools. Mr. Martinez is interested in educational and environmental issues. He resides in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He was appointed to the board in March 2013 and is currently serving his first full term.

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Chris Houston at the NNMCAB office September 2013

# **Chris Houston Alternate DDFO**

hristina A. Houston (Chris) is a Program Analyst in the Environmental Projects Office (EPO) at the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) Los Alamos Site Office (LASO). Her primary responsibilities include serving as the program manager for EPO's Assessment Program and managing EPO's data for input into the contractor's Strategic Performance Evaluation Plan. Chris also services as the Assistant Deputy Designated Federal Officer, providing support to the Deputy Designated Federal Officer (DDFO), M. Lee Bishop and to the Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board.

Christina's career spans over thirty-six years in the federal sector including 2 years in the Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; 13 years in the Human Resources field within the Office of Personnel Management and the Department of Energy; and 23 years in environmental organiza-

tions within NNSA and Environmental Management. Chris served as DDFO prior to Ed Worth and Lee Bishop and thoroughly enjoys her current position in supporting Lee and the NNMCAB. Chris holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of New Mexico and has received numerous awards over the span of her career.

Chris looks forward to new adventures over the next couple of years as she plans for her new life in retirement.

Welcome some new staff get to know long time employees & say farewell to our former admin

#### Dave Smith A/V Tech



Dave at the NNMCAB July 31, 2013 Meeting

Say hi to David Smith our Audio Visual Technician, from Action Audio Visual. Dave has been running the sound board for the NNMCAB since December 2012.



Tiffany working at her desk in February 2013

#### Farewell Tiffany

Former NNMCAB Admin., Ms. Tiffany Ortiz left us for a new job in August 2013. Please join the NNMCAB members & staff in wishing Tiff all the best at her new job at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

# **Bridget Maestas New Admin**

Bridget
Maestas at
the
NNMCAB
September
25, 2013
Taos
Meeting



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Maestas
was born and
raised in Clayton, New Mexico. She has lived
in the Peñasco
area for over ten
years. After

high school, she attended college at New Mexico Highlands University and studied Special/ Elementary Education. Following that, Ms. Maestas worked as a subcontractor to Los Alamos National Laboratory for ten years as an Adminis-

trative Assistant/Technical Editor before deciding to stay home and be a full time mom. She has been married 20 years and has 3 beautiful daughters. She welcomes the opportunity to work with the great group of individuals at the NNMCAB.

#### **Current NNMCAB Members**

Carlos Valdez, NNMCAB Chair Santa Fe

Doug Sayre, NNMCAB Vice-Chair Santa Fe

Joseph Tiano, WM Committee Chair Santa Fe

Adrian Chavez Sr., WM Committee Santa Fe

Brenda Gallegos, WM Committee Santa Cruz

Nona Girardi, EM&R Committee

Gary Johnson, Student Member *Pojoaque* 

Michael Loya, WM Committee
Santa Fe

Bonnie Lucas, EM&R Committee
Santa Fe

Allison Majure, EM&R Committee

Los Alamos

Gerard Martinez, WM Committee
Santa Fe

Kaitlin Martinez, Student Member

Santa Fe
Manuel Pacheco, WM Committee

Ranchos de Taos Alex Puglisi, WM & EM&R Committees

lex Puglisi, WM & EM&R Committee Santa Fe

Angel Quintana, WM Committee

Santa Fe Deidre Roybal, Student Member

Española

Ashley Sanderson, EM&R Committee
Santa Fe

Stephen Schmelling, EM&R Committee
Santa Fe

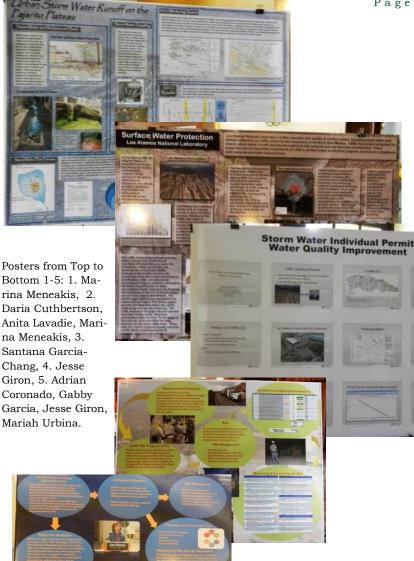
Deborah Shaw, EM&R Committee Santa Fe

Jerry Trujillo, Student Member Alcalde

Joseph Viarrial, EM&R Committee
Pueblo of Pojoaque

Robert Villarreal, WM Committee

Los Alamos





Left to right front: Marina Meneakis, Santana Garcia-Chang, Gabrielle Gonzales, Mariah Urbina, Anita Lavadie, and Jesse Giron. Left to right Back: Adrian Coronado, and Shelby Walker.

# **ADEP Student Symposia**

Associate Directorate for Environmental Programs student interns presented posters covering a broad range of environmental topics at the NNMCAB's July 31, 2013 meeting in Los Alamos. The poster session was held in the lobby of Fuller Lodge, where the NNMCAB members were able to interact with the students on an individual basis.

asking questions and listening to the students present on the work that they had been a part of. All of the NNMCAB members were impressed with the poster session and the opportunity to interact with the students. Member Gerard Martinez was especially impressed with the quality of the posters, and the opportunity to interact with the students.



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#### **NNMCAB Current Project**

The Waste Management Committee and the Environmental Monitoring, and Remediation Committee approved recommendation 2013-09 "Recommendation for Los Alamos National Laboratory Clean-up". The intent of this recommendation was to make every possible effort to protect and secure the best possible funding scenario regarding EM budgets to ensure clean-up efforts are not slowed or put in jeopardy.

Link to **Recommendation 2013-09** or find it under recommendations on the NNMCAB website.

# **NNMCAB Web & Social Media**



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