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NNMCAB Members Attended the 2014 Waste Management Symposia in Phoenix, AZ

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The Waste Management Symposia was held March 2 – 7, 2014, in Phoenix, Arizona, at the Phoenix Convention Center. There were participants from around the world present at this conference. This year's NNMCAB attendees included Alex Puglisi and Carlos Valdez.

The first day of the conference, Sunday, Mr. Valdez participated in the Critical Decisions (and tools) for First-time and Experienced Managers (Or how I Learned to Love the Org Chart) Workshop. This was an all day workshop and was presented by James Hylko, who is a Project Manager out of the Paducah and Portsmouth site. This workshop provided the core elements of an effective management training program derived from applying the Department of Energy's Integrat-

ed Safety Management System and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Voluntary Protection Programs.

From Monday thru Thursday, Mr. Valdez and Mr. Puglisi attended several sessions throughout the day, including Hot Topics in DOE. This seemed to be a very popular session, since the room was fairly large and well attended by participants. For several of the other sessions throughout the week, the Hanford site clean-up seemed to be the selected topic of conversation. On several of the panel discussions, Hanford was used as an example of the type of clean-up being conducted. The discussions also seemed to center around the River Preservation Program and the Tank Waste Farms. Overall, the sessions were very interesting. The panel discus-



Phoenix, AZ Convention Center

sions were a favorite part of the Symposia. The number of experts that participated on these panels was remarkable.

It was interesting to listen to the different perspectives from different parts of the world, including Finland, Sweden, China, Canada, Japan, Germany, Belgium, France, and many others.

Mr. Valdez was able to attend the Panel Discussion: US DOE Featured Site, Los Alamos National Laboratory. The panel included NMED Secretary Ryan Flynn, Jeff Mousseau, Frank Marcinowski, and others.

Submitted by Carlos Valdez

2014 NNMCAB Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date	Venue	City
May 21, 2014	Cities of Gold	Pojoaque
July 30, 2014	La Fonda on the Plaza	Santa Fe
September 24, 2014	Sagebrush Conference Center	Taos
November 19, 2014	Ohkay Conference Center	Española

Meet Some of the NNMCAB Members & Say Farewell to Outgoing Members.

Mr. Puglisi currently serves as an Environmental Compliance Officer for the City of Santa Fe's Public Utility Department, where he advises the mayor, city manager, and other staff of changes in laws and regulations and ensures compliance with permit requirements regarding the city's water utility. He pre-



Mr. Puglisi at the NNMCAB's March 26, 2014 Board Meeting

viously worked for the New Mexico Environment Department, the Fish and Wildlife Division of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and Los Alamos National Laboratory. Mr. Puglisi is currently a board member of the New Mexico Municipal League's Environmental Quality Association. He is interested in issues

affecting the environment and the City of Santa Fe. Mr. Puglisi earned a B.S. in Biology and a M.P.A. in Natural Resources Management from the University of New Mexico. Mr. Puglisi resides in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Member Alex Puglisi

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 Contact NNMCAB Executive Director Menice Santistevan @ (505)995-0393 or e-mail menice.santistevan@nnsa.doe.gov

Member Ashley Sanderson

Ms. Sanderson is currently a Program Manager for Delta Consulting Group, Inc.; working on health related bills and issues. She has worked with the Bernalillo County Commission as an analyst for Commissioner Michelle Lujan Grisham, the New Mexico State Legislature, and on Stephanie Richards Campaign for the New Mexico House of Representatives. Her previous work experience includes marketing for 3M Los Alamos, and coordinating the Green Energy Program in

New Mexico. Ms. Sanderson studied Anthropology at Texas A&M, and earned a Renewable Energy Technologies certificate from Santa Fe Community College. She has an interest in public health issues and continued economic development in Northern New Mexico. Ms. Sanderson currently resides in Santa Fe, New Mexico where she is a member of the Santa Fe Master Gardener Association. She was appointed to the board on July 2, 2013.



Ms. Sanderson at the NNMCAB Office, January 8, 2014

Members Leaving the NNMCAB in April 2014



Dr. Deborah Shaw Served 4 Years on the NNMCAB



Mr. Mike Loya Served 6 Years on the NNMCAB



Ms. Brenda Gallegos Served 2 Years on the NNMCAB

NNMCAB Members Attend the Environmental Justice Conference



Left to right: Angel Quintana, Irene Tse-Pe

NNMCAB members Ms. Angel Quintana from Pojoaque Pueblo, and Ms. Irene Tse-Pe from Pueblo de San Ildefonso, attended the Environmental Justice Conference (EJC) in Washington, D.C. The Conference was held March 26 - 28, 2014 at the Howard University School of Law. The EJC has been an annual event for over 15 years and has hosted keynote speakers that include Deputy Secretary of Energy Daniel Poneman, U.S. Congressional Representatives, and Judg-

es. More than 300 people attended the EJC in 2013, bringing ideas and solutions from across the country, and creating an open communication and information sharing network.

EJC 2014 will host a range of presentations that will cover a broad set of topics, some of which include: US Forest Service Discover the Forest, The U.S. EPA Superfund Program, Sustainability, and Sacred Sites Report and Recommendations. Attendees also have the opportunity to attend panel discussions; an example of which is the Environmental Justice Planning Tools and Practices. EJC 2014 featured Keynote Speakers from the Office of the Secretary of Energy, and Deputy Under Secretary Arthur Blazer, Natural Resources and Environment, United States Department of Agriculture.

(Tech Talk) Changes to the NNMCAB Social Media and Webpage

The staff and the NNMCAB has been working to update the public outreach, social media, and the webpage interface. In the coming months, the NNMCAB webpage will be adding new sections on the meeting page, which will provide access to the old agendas for board and committee meetings. The home page will be host to a new section for upcoming committee meeting locations, times, and agendas. New search features are in the works for the website: to allow members, visitors, and personnel to locate archived documents and information on the various pages of the website. Also, in February of 2014, the



Google+ (NNMCAB) or link from the YouTube Channel page g+ Icon on the banner

NNMCAB joined Google+ in an effort to extend our public outreach capabilities. Keep an eye on the tech section for future enhancements.

Current NNMCAB Members

Carlos Valdez, NNMCAB Chair
Santa Fe

Doug Sayre, NNMCAB Vice-Chair
Santa Fe

Michael Loya, EM&R Committee Chair
Santa Fe

Nona Girardi, EM&R Committee Vice-Chair
Los Alamos

Manuel Pacheco, WM Committee Chair
Ranchos de Taos

Angel Quintana, WM Committee Vice-Chair
Pueblo of Pojoaque

Adrian Chavez Sr., WM Committee
Albuquerque

Mary Friday, EM&R Committee
Taos

Gary Johnson, Student Member
Pojoaque

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

Daniel Mayfield, WM & EM&R Committees
Nambe

Alex Puglisi, WM & EM&R Committees
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

Joseph Tiano, WM Committee
Santa Fe

Jerry Trujillo, Student Member
Alcalde

Irene Tse-Pe, WM Committee
Pueblo de San Ildefonso

Joseph Viarrial, EM&R Committee
Pueblo of Pojoaque

Robert Villarreal, WM Committee
Los Alamos

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The NNMCAB is Currently Recruiting New Members for Appointment in November 2014



Meeting January 29, 2014

What is the Northern New Mexico Citizen's Advisory Board (NNMCAB)?

Site-Specific Advisory Boards were developed to involve stakeholders more directly in the Department of Energy (DOE) cleanup process. The NNMCAB provides DOE with advice and recommendations concerning: environmental remediation, waste management, and monitoring and surveillance of legacy waste.

- * Representing and communicating the views of their communities in board discussions.
- * Keeping the public informed on key issues, upcoming decisions, board recommendations, and public hearings.
- * Attending the NNMCABs bi-monthly meetings and serving on one of the boards standing committees. Board meetings occur on Wednesdays once every other month from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Committee meetings occur on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 2:00p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Who Serves on the NNMCAB?

Membership reflects a broad range of cultures, demographics, and views from citizens in the affected communities and regions. Members include stakeholders from local governments, Tribal Nations, environmental and civic groups, universities, labor organizations, and others. Liaison members to the NNMCAB come from LANL, DOE, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the New Mexico Environment Department.

How Can You Get Involved?

Board meetings serve as a two-way exchange between members of the public and the NNMCAB, DOE, and Liaison members. All NNMCAB board meetings have a public comment period through which members of the public can voice their concerns, issues, and submit written comments.

Interested in Becoming a Board or Committee Member?

Please call Menice B. Santistevan, Executive Director at (505)995-0393 or e-mail menice.santistevan@nnsa.doe.gov. Feel free to stop by our office at 94 Cities of Gold Rd., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87506 or visit the website at www.nnmcab.energy.gov for additional information.

Board Member Responsibilities

- * Submitting advice and recommendations to DOE on integral Environmental Management Issues.

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Mr. Tiano at the WIPP office in Carlsbad, NM November 2014



Members Tour Buckman Well field in Santa Fe, May 2013



Members Tour the LA Weir at Los Alamos Lab, April 2013



Members @ the NNMCAB BBQ, Summer 2013

New Art: Pojoaque Valley Student Art is Here



From water color flowers to layer by layer style butterflies, there are multiple styles on display at the office.



It's that time of the year, the new display of student artwork provided by Pojoaque Valley Schools is up. The art will be on display in the NNM CAB office until the end

of May. Stop in any time from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to check out the art display provided by the talented artists at the school. The student art display is a part of the NNM CABs Community Out-



Clever Inventions and stellar flowers



Hand drawn pencil art and colorful story boards

reach. Executive Director Menice Santistevan has been working with the schools in the area to provide a venue where the students can show off their hard work and wonderful art.

Art Rocks
"Stop in the NNM CAB Office to see our Pojoaque Valley Student Art Display"

NNMCAB Chair's Corner

There are eight Environmental Management site specific Advisory Boards around the country; the Northern New Mexico Citizen's Advisory Board (NNMCAB) is one of those Boards. In New Mexico, we affectionately refer to it as the CAB. Over the past two years, the CAB has been doing many good things. One of the biggest accolades the CAB has received nationally over the past year, is its diversity. The CAB currently consists of 20 members; eleven males, nine females, three are Native American, and six are Hispanic. We have one current member that worked at LANL in the past. So when we say that we are the voice of northern New Mexico, we really are the public voice, and not a general stamp of approval for the labs. Having attended several National Chairs meetings around the country, our CAB has quite often been hailed as having a stellar diversity.

Over the past couple of years the CAB

has worked hard at developing good working relationships with the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). The relationship between NMED and the CAB has not always been healthy, but we have proven to be honest, trustworthy, and transparent with our work and our intentions. NMED has now agreed that using the CAB as a public sounding board is a good idea. This has also helped better the relationship that has developed between LANL and NMED.

The CAB is currently in the process of developing recommendations for FY 2014. In 2013, the CAB submitted nine recommendations. One recommendation triggered an Environmental Assessment for disposal pathways for disposition of the 33-shafts, another spurred the development, by LANL, of a Fact Sheet on risks to Material Disposal Areas by wild fires, and another recommendation that became an item on the agenda for our full-board meetings. The CAB was also instrumental in the development of

clean-up work priorities in 2014 and 2015.

The members have been busy participating in several areas that don't include waste in and around Los Alamos, but in areas that indirectly impact Los Alamos. For example, the CAB provided input into the Environmental Impact Statement for the storage of Mercury, the final disposition of Greater Than Class C waste, full participation in the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities, participation in Waste Management symposiums, and WIPP storage issues.

The CAB continues to stay busy with important legacy and cold war clean-up efforts and looks forward to providing the public service that the citizens of northern New Mexico depend on.



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NNMCAB Current Project

The NNMCAB is currently focused on drafting recommendations for 2014. The NNMCAB has prepared a draft recommendation "2014-01 FY'16 Budget Priorities" for review at the April 9, 2014 combined committee meeting at Cities of Gold. An ad hoc committee is also working to draft a recommendation for a pilot study for waste disposal area trench lining.

To view the NNMCAB's 2013 recommendations and previous years recommendations visit "Recommendations Tab" on our homepage.

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The Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board is a federally appointed panel of citizens that provides public involvement opportunities and recommendations to the U.S. Department of Energy concerning: environmental monitoring, waste management, remediation, and long-term stewardship at and around Los Alamos National Laboratory.

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