Action Summary

Mid-Region Council of Governments
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, January 9, 2014
2:00 p.m.
809 Copper Ave. NW
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

Philip Gasteyer, Chair **M. Steven Anaya, Vice-Chair**

ORGANIZATION	PRESENT	MEMBER	PRESENT	ALTERNATE
Sandoval County {2}	X	***Nora M. Scherzinger,** Commissioner **Glenn Walters,** Commissioner		Phil Rios
Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque {2}		***Larry Abraham,** Mayor **Donald Lopez,** Trustee		Vacant
City of Albuquerque (Administration) {1}		***Robert Perry,** CAO	X	Michael Riordan Greg Smith
City of Albuquerque (City Council) {6}	X X X	***Rey Garduño,** Councilor **Isaac Benton,** Councilor **Diane Gibson,** Councilor **Don Harris**, Councilor **Klarissa Peña,** Councilor **Dan Lewis,** Councilor	X X X	**Michael Horanburg** (for Don Harris) **Nancy Montaño** (for Klarissa Peña) **Tom Menicucci** (for Dan Lewis)
Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority {1}	X	**Tim Eichenberg,** Board Member		AMAFCA Board Member
Albuquerque Public Schools {1}		**Kathy Korte,** Board Member	X	Martin W. Eckert
City of Belen {2}		**Rudy Jaramillo,** Mayor		David Carter
Town of Bernalillo {2}	X	**Jack Torres,** Mayor Vacant		Vacant
Bernalillo County {3}	X X	***Debbie O'Malley,** Commissioner **Wayne Johnson,** Commissioner **Tom Zdunek,** County Manager		Jarvis Middleton, Steve Miller Other Commissioners
Village of Bosque Farms {2}		***Robert Knowlton,** Mayor **Wayne Ake**, Councilor		Vacant
Village of Corrales {2}	X	**Philip Gasteyer, Chair** Vacant		Mick Harper
Village of Cuba {2}		**Richard Velarde,** Mayor **Vandora Casados,** Clerk/Trustee		Vacant
Eastern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority {1}		**Vacant**		Vacant
Town of Edgewood {2}		**Brad Hill,** Mayor		Rita-Loy Simmons
Village of Encino {2}		**John G. Philips III**, Mayor **Vacant**		Loretta Chavez

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Town of Estancia {2}		**Vacant** **Vacant**		Vacant
Village of Jemez Springs {2}		**Edmond Temple,** Mayor **Vacant**		Emmett Cart
Pueblo of Laguna {1}		**Wilbur Lockwood**		Norbert Wacondo
Village of Los Lunas {2}		**Robert Vialpando,** Mayor **Christina Answorth,** Dir. Community Development		Peter Fernandez
Los Lunas Public Schools {1}		**Ron Williams,** Assistant Superintendent Operations		Clair Cieremans
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District {1}		**Adrian Oglesby,** Board Member		Karen Dunning
City of Moriarty {2}		***M. Steven Anaya, Vice-Chair** **Ted Hart,** Mayor		Linda Fischer
Town of Mountainair {2}		**Vacant** **Vacant**		Vacant
Village of Peralta		**Leon Otero**		Vacant
City of Rio Rancho {2}	X	***Thomas Swisstack,** Mayor, **Tamara Gutierrez,** Councilor	X	Peter Wells
Rio Rancho Public Schools	X	**Richard Bruce,** Chief Operations Officer		Vacant
Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority {1}	X	***Donald Rudy,** Board Member		Vacant
Village of Tijeras {2}		***Gloria Chavez,** Mayor **Vacant**	X	Diane L. Klaus
Torrance County {2}	X	***Lonnie Freyburger,** Commissioner **Vacant**		Leroy Candelaria
University of New Mexico {1}	X	**Marc Saavedra,** Director of Government Relations	X	Richard Doran Dr. Robert G. Frank
Valencia County {2}	X	***Mary Andersen,** Commissioner **Lawrence Romero,** Commissioner		Vacant
Village of Willard {2}		**Robert Chavez**, Mayor **Emily Sanchez**, Clerk		Vacant

*** Executive Board**

NON-VOTING ADVISORY MEMBER				
ORGANIZATION	PRESENT	MEMBER	PRESENT	ALTERNATE
Federal Highway Administration		**J. Don Martinez,** Division Administrator		
NM Dept. of Transportation		**Tom Church**, Secretary		
NM Dept. of Transportation		**Timothy Parker** District 3 Engineer		
Pueblo of Santa Ana		**Bruce Sanchez,** Gov.		Ken Paquin

MRCOG STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT
Dewey Cave, MRCOG Staff
Thaddeus Lucero, MRCOG Staff
Larry Horan, MRCOG Staff
Wendy Candelaria, MRCOG Staff

Martha Mendoza, MRCOG Staff
Michael Jiron, MRCOG Staff
Marla Segura, MRCOG Staff
Jerilynn Sans, MRCOG Staff
Ann Simon, MRCOG Staff
Derrick Webb, MRCOG Staff
Sheila ter Bruggen, MRCOG Staff
Connie Meadowcroft, MRCOG Staff
Jennifer Jimenez-Traylor, MRCOG Staff
Christopher Sylvan, City of Albuquerque

ACTION SUMMARY	
	Call to Order The January 9, 2014 Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Chair Philip Gasteyer, Village of Corrales, at 2:10 pm and the presence of a quorum was noted. Mayor Gasteyer welcomed Diane Gibson, City of Albuquerque, Nancy Montaño, City of Albuquerque and Dr. Robert G. Frank, President of UNM.
Tab 1	**Approval of Agenda** Chair Philip Gasteyer requested a motion to approve the agenda with a suggestion that between tab 3 and tab 4, the Board recognize Dr. Robert G. Frank, President of UNM and his presentation on Innovate Albuquerque. Commissioner Mary Andersen, Valencia County made the motion to approve the January 9, 2014 agenda as suggested. The motion was seconded by Councilor Isaac Benton, City of Albuquerque, and passed unanimously.
Tab 2	**Approval of Action Summary, June 13, 2013** Commissioner Lonnie Freyburger, Torrance County made the motion to approve the June 13, 2013 Action Summary as written. The motion was seconded by Don Rudy, SSCAFCA, and passed unanimously. **Approval of Action Summary, November 14, 2013 (Work Session)** Commissioner Lonnie Freyburger, Torrance County, made the motion to approve the November 14, 2013 Action Summary (Work Session) as written. The motion was seconded by Donald Rudy, SSCAFCA, and passed unanimously.
PUBLIC COMMENT	
Tab 3	**Public Comment** No Public Comment
INNOVATE ABQ / ROBERT FRANK	
	Dr. Robert G. Frank, President of UNM presentation on Innovate ABQ Dr. Frank informed the Board that an Innovation District creates a mutually supportive leadership between a scientific constitution and a concentration of technology businesses. The Innovate ABQ initiative is to create an integrated community that is multi-dimensional, this will allow research and commercial labs, science and technology companies, educational programs, business services, support services, and commercial and retail businesses to share space in a business incubator that

	allows people to work together as they wish and be an essential part of the community that is connected to UNM. The idea is to create a one-stop-shop approach for companies, entrepreneurs and investors seeking to evaluate new technology business opportunities. The integrated community would also include residential living space and amenities for the workers who benefit from the new jobs created by this synergy. The mission is to strengthen the economic base in the Mid Rio Grande Region and throughout the state of New Mexico by creating more knowledge-worker jobs for graduates from our educational institutions and experienced workers in our communities. The mission is achieved by commercializing new technologies developed at our research universities, by public/private partnering with our national labs, business organizations, civic leaders, non-profit sector, national and global corporations, public schools and by providing entrepreneurial education and support. Innovate ABQ will be developed in phases. Private developers will be engaged, building by building. The long-term Innovate ABQ will become an innovation district along Central Avenue stretching from UNM to Downtown reaching to the rail yards and up Broadway to the incubators at the Verge Building and WESST. The financial commitments secured from New Mexico Educators Federal Credit Union, DOC Economic Development Administration, City of Albuquerque and UNM will purchase the property, complete master plan and related closing costs.
	ACTION ITEMS
Tab 4	**Approval of 2014 Legislative Priorities** Mr. Cave informed the Board the MRCOG 2014 Legislative Priorities are being presented today so any changes or additions can be made before finalizing it. Prior to the session starting a MRCOG 2014 Legislative Policies and Priorities brochure will be published and provided to each Board Member. Larry Horan, Counsel and Lobbyist for MRCOG, reviewed each of the 2014 Legislative Priorities. Dr. Robert Frank asked for a bullet that indicates supporting Innovate ABQ under support economic development initiatives and efforts that create jobs and market our region. Mr. Horan reminded the Board this is a thirty day budget session related to revenue and appropriation issues and messages from the Governor. Councilor Rey Garduño, City of Albuquerque, made the motion to approve the 2014 Legislative Priorities with one modification to add a bullet supporting Innovate ABQ. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robert Frank, UNM and passed unanimously.
	INFORMATION ITEMS
Tab 5	**Update on eCivis Grant Services Program** Marla Segura, Project Coordinator presented an update presentation reminding the Board of the eCivis Grant Services Program available to our member agencies. MRCOG purchased a license with eCivis.com back in November 2012 in an effort to help member agencies maximize their grant search and management capacity. eCivis is a web-based system that allows members access to thousands of available federal, state and foundation grants. It contains integrated project management components to help with every aspect of the grant process from locating grants, applying for grants, as well as managing the funds and projects after the grants are awarded.

	MRCOG can set up unique search agents for member agencies, to be delivered on a weekly basis via e-mail. Member agencies may designate a staff person to receive weekly email notifications and have direct access to eCivis Grants Locator. Ms. Segura encouraged the member agencies to utilize the eCivis Grant Services Program.
Tab 6	**Update on Veterans Transportation Initiative Website** Michael Jiron, Projects Manager of the Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative informed the Board in early 2012, the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) released the availability of discretionary funds to address the transportation needs amongst veterans, military families and transportation-disadvantaged populations. The product/service being produced is either a "One-Call" call center or a "One-Click" website. The Mid-Region Council of Government's depth of knowledge to deploy a website, via the existing employee pool, helped determine the product/service to be produced. The goal of the website is to facilitate opportunities within Transportation Services, Workforce Solutions and Human Services as it relates to Veterans. While focusing on the direction of the website, early partnership development within our region has provided enough support to add a Call Center/Work-study Program to our project scope. Thus giving us an unparalleled capacity to meet Veteran's and their caretakers needs. Our federal allocated amount is $332,500.00, with a local match of $75,000.00, giving a total budget of $407,500.00. The apportioned budget is spread between research initiatives, website development, customer service infrastructure, administration and marketing. The scheduled release dates are Independence Day or Veteran's Day 2014.
Tab 7	**Executive Directors Report** Mr. Cave informed the Board the Regional Economic Development effort the staff has been working on over the last year has gained some momentum. MRCOG contracted Jim Glover to develop some brand positioning around ABQ Metro, identifying what this means, what this promises and what might be the unifying image for the region. Mr. Glover is wrapping up the first set of interviews with key economic development people in all for counties. Mr. Cave will share the results in the next few weeks. Senate Memorial #8 sponsored by Senator Michael Padilla who directed a meeting be sponsored jointly by the MRGCD as well as MRCOG to identify a list of options to maximize water supply and provide some conservation in our region. A roundtable discussion was held this past week here at the MRCOG. Approximately thirty five people representing water related organizations attended. The group came up with three to five areas for the legislature to consider as priorities with concern to water. A report will be put together and passed by Senator Padilla which will be provided to the Board. Over the past few months staff has been working on a Mid-Region Travel Survey. The purpose for the survey is to gain better knowledge of how people travel day to day in our region. 2,400 people are participating and the results will help recalculate the travel demand model which will help with the transportation analysis in the region. The audits for MRCOG, Rio Metro and WCCNM have been turned in and accepted by the State Auditors Office. They were submitted as unmodified which is the new terminology for unqualified meaning clean audit/no significant findings. The audits will be presented to the Board for final approval. Councilor Dan Lewis, City of Albuquerque asked MRCOG to put together a steering committee involving the Paseo del Volcan Corridor to do a study regarding the opportunities on the west side and what is going to be needed. The next Paseo del Volcan Corridor Steering Committee meeting

	will be Wednesday, January 15th at the Don Newton Community Center in Taylor Ranch. The discussion will involve connecting Rio Rancho to I-40.
Tab 8	**Board Comments:** There were no Board Comments.
Tab 9	**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm

Philip Gasteyer, Chair
MRCOG Board of Directors

ATTEST

Dewey V. Cave
Executive Director

(The original tape of the meeting is on file in the MRCOG Office.)