



Action Summary
Mid-Region Council of Governments
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Work Session
Thursday, November 14, 2013
809 Copper Ave, NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Debbie O'Malley, Chair

Phil Gasteyer, 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}	X	*Robert Perry, CAO		Michael Riordan
City of Albuquerque (City Council) {5}	X X	*Rey Garduño, Councilor Isaac Benton, Councilor Janice Arnold-Jones, Councilor Don Harris, Councilor Ken Sanchez, Councilor Roxanna Meyers, Councilor	X	Michael Horanburg for Don Harris
Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority {1}		Tim Eichenberg, Board Member		Vacant
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 {4}	X X	*Debbie O'Malley, Commissioner Wayne Johnson, Commissioner Tom Zdunek, County Manager		Jarvis Middleton, Steve Miller Other Commissioners
Village of Bosque Farms {2}	X	*Robert Knowlton, Mayor Wayne Ake, Councilor		Vacant
Village of Corrales {2}	X	Philip Gasteyer, Chairman Vacant		Mick Harper
Village of Cuba {2}		Richard Velarde, Mayor Vandora Casados, Clerk/Trustee		Vacant
Town of Edgewood {2}		Brad Hill, Mayor		Rita-Loy Simmons
Town of Encino {2}		John G. Philips III, Mayor Vacant		Loretta Chavez
Town of Estancia {1}		Theodore Barela		Vacant

Organization	Present	Member	Present	Alternate
Village of Jemez {2}		Edmond Temple, Mayor Vacant		Emmett Cart
Pueblo of Laguna {1}		Wilbur Lockwood		Norbert Wacondo
Village of Los Lunas {2}		Robert Vialpando, Mayor Christina Ainsworth, Dir. Community Development		Peter Fernandez
Los Lunas Public Schools {1}		Ron Williams, Chief Operations Officer		Clair Ciereans
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District {1}		*Adrian Oglesby	X	Karen Dunning
City of Moriarty {2}		*M. Steven Anaya, Vice-Chair Ted Hart, Mayor		Linda Fischer
Town of Mountainair {2}		Vacant		Vacant
Town of Peralta		Leon Otero		Vacant
City of Rio Rancho {2}		*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		Steve House
Village of Tijeras {2}		*Gloria Chavez, Mayor Vacant	X	Diane L. Klaus
Torrance County {2}	X	*Lonnie Freyburger, Commissioner Vacant		Leroy Candelaria
Valencia County {2}	X	*Mary Anderson, Commissioner Lawrence Romero, Commissioner		Vacant
University of New Mexico {1}		Marc Saavedra, Director of Government Relations		Mary Kinney
Village of Willard {2}		Robert Chavez, Mayor Emily Sanchez, Clerk		Vacant

*** Executive Board**

NON-VOTING ADVISORY MEMBER				
ORGANIZATION	PRESENT	MEMBER	PRESENT	ALTERNATE
Kirtland Air Force Base		Vacant		Vacant
Federal Highway Administration		J. Don Martinez, Division Administrator		Vacant
New Mexico Department of Transportation		Tom Church, Secretary		Vacant
New Mexico Department of Transportation		Timothy Parker, District 3 Engineer		Vacant
Pueblo of Santa Ana		Bruce Sanchez, Governor		Ken Paquin
NON-VOTING ASSOCIATE MEMBER				
Valley Improvement Association				

MRCOG STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT**Dewey Cave, MRCOG Executive Director****Thaddeus Lucero, MRCOG Staff****Wendy Candelaria, MRCOG Staff****Martha Mendoza, MRCOG****Larry Horan, MRCOG Staff****Tony Sylvester, MRCOG Staff****Dave Panella, MRCOG Staff****Sandy Gaiser, MRCOG Staff****Ramona Chavez, MRCOG Staff****Ann Simon, MRCOG Staff****Conni Vigil, MRCOG Staff****Derrick Webb, MRCOG Staff****David Gatterman, SCAFCA****Tim Nisley, Rio Grande Community Development Corporation****Action Summary****Item 1 Call to Order:**

The November 14, 2014 Board of Directors Work Session meeting was called to order by Mayor Philip Gasteyer, Village of Corrales at 2:10 pm. The presence of a quorum was noted.

Item 2 Approval of Agenda:

Donald Rudy, SCAFCA made a motion to approve the November 14, 2013 Board of Directors Work Session agenda as presented.

The motion was seconded by Rey Garduño, City of Albuquerque and passed unanimously.

OTHER DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS**Item 3 Legislative Priorities – Larry Horan, Facilitator****A. Overview of State conditions and forecast****B. Discuss priorities from Associations of Counties and Municipal League****C. Roundtable discussion of regional priorities**

Mr. Horan discussed 2014 legislative priorities and issues. Attached is a summary of the proposed legislative priorities.

Item 4 EPA MS-4 Permit Briefing – David Gatterman, SCAFCA

Mr. Gatterman gave a slide show presentation regarding the MS4, which is a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. The permit is being written for the urbanized area within the Middle Rio Grande Valley watershed calling it a Watershed Based Permit (WSB). There are 18 governmental entities eligible for coverage under the WSB permit. EPA will issue the permit and each MS4 may seek coverage under the permit cooperatively or as an individual or they may request an individual permit instead of seeking coverage under the WSB permit.

Item 5 Regional Economic Development Activities Update**A. ABQ Metro Branding and Marketing Strategy – Ann Simon**

Ann Simon summarized where we are with recommendations made at last year's work session to conduct PR and marketing for the region. With the remaining EDA Innovation grant funds, the MRCOG offered to put up \$80K if the communities would come in with match monies. So far, Sandoval County, Bernalillo County, the City of Albuquerque and Albuquerque Economic Development have each pledged \$5,000. So, we have \$100,000 to work with. The group of Economic development leaders meeting on this issue decided to call the effort **ABQ Metro** and is in the midst of reviewing a proposal by the Idea Group of Santa Fe to do a brand audit, research on brand positioning and best practices.

B. Legislative Jobs Council – Ann Simon / Ramona Chavez

Ramona Chavez and Ann Simon have been following and attending the NM Legislative Interim Jobs Council. There have been six meetings around the state to identify numbers of jobs needed over the next ten years, in what economic sectors, and in what geographic regions. The Jobs Council identified a need of nearly 160,000

jobs over the next ten years, 16,000 jobs per year, in a variety of industry sectors to get us back to pre-recession levels. This number far exceeds the goals of the NM Partnership, the recruiting arm of the state, which has a target of \$1,700 jobs per year. The Jobs Council is currently seeking legislative ideas for addressing this large job creation need. It will be finalizing the process next month and plans to introduce a number of measures in the 2014 Legislative Session.

**C. Rio Grande Community Development Corporation (RGCDC) Commercial Kitchen Presentation
Tim Nisly, Chief Operating Officer**

Mr. Nisly informed the Board that RGCDC is requesting \$350,000 annually from the New Mexico legislature to build a food related economic development infrastructure across rural New Mexico using the proven mixing bowl model. The funding will generate 120 new companies, 298 new jobs and \$55.485 million in gross business impacts across multiple rural nm communities over the next four years.

The Mixing Bowl (a kitchen incubator and product of RGCDC) works with 250 potential entrepreneurs every year. It has 120 businesses currently in the development phase, 60 businesses currently selling products, and another 40 that have graduated from the process over the last six years.

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Mr. Cave informed the Board that the Governor's Executive Order 2013-006 concerning grants of the State capital outlay appropriations, will be withholding those funds from the jurisdictions that do not have a current approved financial audit or have significant findings. Audits must be completed or findings resolved before the capital outlay funds are made available. However there is an alternative in lieu of resolving the audits, you can have an approved fiscal agent handle the capital outlay grants. MRCOG has been approved as a fiscal agent and is working with the State DFA on what the guidelines will be.

At the request of Councilor Dan Lewis, City of Albuquerque, MRCOG is convening a Paseo del Volcan Corridor Steering Committee to develop a strategy for the eventual construction on the west side of Albuquerque into Rio Rancho. The Steering Committee is made up of stakeholders, elected officials (local and State), Congressional delegation, NMDOT, State Land Office, Pueblos, and private land owners. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20th at MRCOG from 8:00 am to 10:00 am.

UNM and the City of Albuquerque are proposing a research district called Innovate ABQ. MRCOG is a partner in this initiative to help identify, go after, and hopefully secure \$1.6 million in federal EDA funds to acquire the First Baptist Church as the downtown location for the project. The project will create a venue for high-tech start-up companies using research from NM universities and Labs.

MRCOG, Rio Metro and WCCNM audits are near completion and the exit conferences will be scheduled in the next couple weeks.

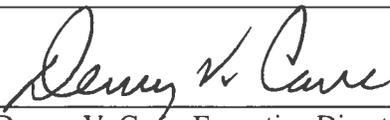
Work has begun on the Central NM Climate Change Scenario Planning Project. The project is a partnership between several federal agencies and MRCOG to integrate climate change analysis into transportation and land use planning in the region.

The Mid-Region Household Travel Survey Project has begun. Travel data is being collected from 2,400 randomly selected households to gain a better understanding of how people travel on a day to day basis around the region. The survey is being promoted through advertising, news stories, and a 15-minute Gov16 television program.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 3:50 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.)

MRCOG 2014 Legislative Priorities

Legislative Priorities

- Support the New Mexico Rail Runner Express program and advocate for improvement of transit services
- Support initiatives that improve regional transportation
 - UNM/CNM Corridor study and implementation. This plan will improve public transportation to areas that provide critical employment, education and health care services in Albuquerque.
- Monitor legislation that proposes changes to the PERA system.
 - Proposed changes to employer or employee contributions to PERA.
 - Proposed changes to allow for the re-hire of retired employees with a public employer in New Mexico. Previous legislation eliminated the ability for a public employer to re-hire any retired employees. There is an ongoing desire from some public employers to allow for the re-hire of certain critical employees.
- Maintain Local Revenues and Local Authority
 - In the 2013 session, the legislature passed an omnibus tax bill (HB641) that included the phase out of hold harmless payments to the cities and counties. During the upcoming session, we can anticipate legislation that will impact the changes made in HB641. The New Mexico Municipal League (“NMML”) and legislators have separately been working on legislation to “clean up” the language related to the imposition of the 3/8% of gross receipts tax at the city and county level to replace lost revenue from Hold Harmless payments. Additionally, the NMML is proposing legislation to re-impose the local portion (1.225%) of gross receipts tax on food and medicine.
 - Monitor legislation related to State tax policy for any effects it may have on local government
 - Any new tax credits, deductions and exemptions
 - Any changes to the current structure of gross receipts tax
 - Any changes to the current structure of property tax
- Monitor and oppose any legislation that
 - Reduces local revenue
 - Adversely affects local funding sources
 - Diminishes regulatory authority of member governments
- Support legislation granting more authority to local government to set property tax mill rates.
- Support G.O. Bond Legislation in 2014
 - Includes request for funding of materials in public libraries, public school libraries, tribal libraries and higher education libraries.
- Monitor and support capital outlay requests of member governments
- Monitor any legislation relating to water resources and impact on member governments
- Support many of the economic development initiatives and efforts that create jobs and market our region

2014 LEAGUE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The New Mexico Municipal League Board of Directors has prioritized 2013-2014 Resolutions and Statement of Municipal Policy for the 2014 Legislative Session beginning in January.

At its October 5th meeting, the Board made amending the phase-out of the hold harmless distribution contained in the 2013's House Bill 641 the League's main priority. The League will seek to allow a distribution to municipalities that enact all of the 3/8ths percent new local gross receipts tax if the new tax does not generate enough revenue to equal the current hold harmless distribution. (NMML Policy Statement 3.2.5)

Additionally, the League will support legislation to return food to the gross receipts tax base for local gross receipts tax rates, including the 1.225 percent distribution. This proposal also calls for legislation that would increase the Low Income Tax Credit, repeal of the Hold Harmless Distribution in one year instead of seventeen years and reduce the state tax rate from 5.125 percent to 5 percent. (NMML Resolution 35)

Another priority will be urging the Legislature and Governor to examine tax expenditures such as credits, exemptions and deduction for tax purposes. (NMML Resolution 21)

The League will also actively support passage of a General Obligation Bond bill for \$29 million for libraries in the November 2014 General Election. (NMML Resolution 12)

League staff will continue to monitor all legislation introduced during the 30-day session that affects local government operations.

New Mexico Association of Counties 2014 Legislative Priorities

Tax-Related Issues

- **Property Tax Equity**

Provide for a more equitable, transparent, and understandable property tax system.
(Assessors)

- **Real Property Sales Disclosure**

Provide for the disclosure of sales data for all real property, (includes non-residential but not agricultural land or subsurface rights on mineral deeds).
(Assessors)

- **Delinquent Property Tax Payments**

Amend state law to authorize County Treasurers to receive all payments of property taxes, including for those properties that have been turned over to the Property Tax Division for collection and have been placed on installment agreements.
(Treasurers).

- **Delinquent Property Tax List**

Clarify the responsibility of County Treasurers and the Property Tax Division, so that if a delinquent property does not appear on the most recent delinquent property tax list, that property reverts back to the County Treasurer for collection, and the penalty and interest collected are distributed to the county.(Treasurers)

- **County Correctional Facility Gross Receipts Tax**

Increase existing county local option gross receipts tax for county correctional facilities. (Detention Administrators and Commissioners)

Non-Tax Issues

- **Notice of Liens**

Require liens to contain language that notice of the lien was sent to the property owner prior to filing the lien. (Clerks)

- **Medicaid Benefits Suspension**

Support suspension of Medicaid benefits in lieu of termination, during incarceration in county detention facilities. (Commissioners)