



# County of Los Alamos

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## Minutes

### County Council – Regular Session

*Randall Ryti, Council Chair; Ryn Herrmann, Council Vice Chair;  
Theresa Cull, Melanee Hand, Suzie Havemann,  
Beverly Neal-Clinton, and David Reagor, Councilors*

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Tuesday, March 03, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers - 1000 Central Avenue

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#### 1. OPENING/ROLL CALL

The Council Chair, Randall Ryti, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Chair Ryti made opening remarks regarding the meeting's procedure.

**The following Councilors were in attendance:**

**Present: 6 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand,  
Councilor Havemann, and Councilor Reagor**

**Remote: 1 – Councilor Neal-Clinton**

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: All.

#### 3. STATEMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

Councilor Hand read the following statement to be included in the meeting minutes: "The matters discussed in the closed sessions of County Council held on March 3, 2026, that began at 4:30 p.m. was limited only to the topics specified in the notice of the closed session, and no action was taken on any matter in the closed session. We request that this statement be included in the meeting minutes."

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sam Gardner spoke.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**A motion was made by Councilor Cull, seconded by Councilor Havemann, that Council approve the agenda as presented.**

**The motion passed with the following vote:**

**Yes: 7 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand,  
Councilor Havemann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, and Councilor Reagor**

## 6. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. Proclamation for Recognizing the 270th Birthday of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Week-Long Series of Activities Hosted by Los Alamos Community Winds

Councilor Havemann read and presented the proclamation.

Mr. Ted Vives spoke.

- B. Presentation from Ted Wyka, NNSA Los Alamos Field Office Manager

Mr. Ted Wyka, NNSA's Los Alamos Field Office Manager, presented.

Ms. Stephanie Stringer, Associate Deputy Field Office Manager, presented.

Public Comment:

Mr. Sam Gardner spoke.

## 7. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

None.

## 8. CONSENT AGENDA

### Consent Motion:

**A motion was made by Councilor Hand, seconded by Councilor Herrmann, that Council approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented and that the motions in the staff reports be included for the record.**

- A. Approval of County Council Minutes for the February 10, 2026, Work Session and the February 17, 2026, Regular Session

**I move that Council approve the minutes for the February 10, 2026, Work Session and the February 17, 2026, Regular Session.**

- B. Approval of General Services Agreement No. AGR25-61 with ByWater Solutions, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed \$572,125 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax for Implementation, Hosting, and Support of Library Software for a Fifteen (15) Year Term

**I move that Council approve Agreement No. AGR25-61 with ByWater Solutions, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$572,125 plus applicable Gross Receipts Tax for implementation, hosting, and support of library software for a 15 year term.**

- C. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding under the Regional Strategic Fund with the City of Espanola

**I move that Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding MOU #26-875 with the City of Espanola.**

- D. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding under the Regional Strategic Fund with Rio Arriba County

**I move that Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding MOU #26-874 with Rio Arriba County.**

- E. Board/Commission Appointments - Transportation Board

**I move that the Council reappoint Paul Lisowski and Joshua Muck to fill two of the four vacancies on the Transportation Board. I further move that the Council appoint Jacquelyn Connolly and Hermann Geppert-Kleinrath to fill the remaining two vacancies, with all terms expiring on February 28, 2028.**

- F. Approval of Budget Revision No. 2026-41 for Task Order No. 4 with Souder Miller & Associates under AGR22-67b for Potable Water Storage Tank Inspection and Maintenance Services

**I move that Council approve Budget Revision 2026-41 in the amount of \$185,441.00, for Task Order No. 4 with Souder Miller & Associates under AGR22-67b for Potable Water Storage Tank Inspection and Maintenance Services.**

- G. Supplemental Agreement to Existing Grant of Easement No. M24NA70474 within Los Alamos County to include Tracts A and C in the Vicinity of the Community of White Rock

**I move that Council approve a supplemental agreement to existing Grant of Easement No. M24NA70474 within Los Alamos County to include Tracts A and C in the Vicinity of the Community of White Rock.**

- H. Approval of Budget Revision 2026-44 for Grant Agreement with the New Mexico Department of Health Increasing Funding by \$42,794 for a New Total of \$110,789

**I move that the County Council approve Budget Revision No. 2026-44 for Grant Agreement with the New Mexico Department of Health, increasing the total agreement amount to \$110,789, and authorize the appropriation of the additional funds.**

- I. Board/Commission Appointments - Art in Public Places Board

**I move that Council nominate and appoint Tim Foley and Jasmine Stephens to fill two vacancies on the Art in Public Places Board for the term March 28, 2026, to March 27, 2028.**

- J. Board/Commission Appointment - Personnel Board

**I move that Council nominate and appoint Martha Katko to fill one vacancy on the Personnel Board for the term April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2029.**

- K. Board/Commission Appointment(s) - Los Alamos County Health Council

**I move that Council nominate and appoint Rebecca White and Trevor Abeyta to the Los Alamos County Health Council for a term beginning on March 3, 2026 and ending on March 3, 2028.**

- L. Approval of Budget Revision 2026-37 For Grant Received from the State of New Mexico Aging and Long Term Services Department for the Purchase of Equipment Vehicles for the Betty Ehart Senior Center

**I move that Council approve Budget Revision 2026-37 as summarized in Attachment A and that the attachment be made part of the minutes of this meeting.**

- M. Approval of Budget Revision 2026-32 for an Increase to the Cemetery Fund for Phase One of the Master Plan

**I move that Council approve Budget Revision 2026-32 as summarized in Attachment A and that the attachment be made part of the minutes of this meeting.**

- N. Approval of County Manager's Delegation of Authority for Treasurer

**I move that Council approve the County Manager's Delegation of the duties of the Treasurer of Los Alamos County to Helen M. Perraglio as provided in the attached Delegation and Designation of Treasurer Authority.**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda:**

**The motion passed with the following vote:**

**Yes: 7 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, and Councilor Reagor**

## **9. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S)**

- A. Introduction of Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 753; An Ordinance Authorizing the Lease of Restaurant Space at the Golf Course to the 19th Hole Sports Pub LLC , a New Mexico Limited Liability Company, to Provide Food and Beverage Services

**Councilor Hermann introduced, without prejudice, Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 753; An Ordinance Authorizing the Lease of Restaurant Space at the Golf Course to the 19th Hole Sports Pub LLC , a New Mexico Limited Liability Company, to Provide Food and Beverage Services, and ask staff to assure that it is published as provided in the County Charter.**

## **10. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

- A. CASE NO. APL-2025-0023. An Appeal Application Requesting the Los Alamos County Council to Remand the Planning and Zoning Commission's Decision in VAR-2025-0015 Back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for Rehearing and Decision. Case No. VAR-2025-0015 Requested Variance Approval from Front Setback Standards to Install a Carport Abutting the Front Property Line at 1968 40th Street, Los Alamos, NM, Zoned Residential-Mixed (RM-2)

Chair Ryti disclosed that he received an email but did not read it and requested that it be attached to the minutes.

Mr. Alvin Leaphart, County Attorney, presented.

**A motion was made by Councilor Cull, seconded by Councilor Reagor, that the County Council, without full hearing, find the Parties' joint motion for remand as well taken and grant the Final Order on Joint Motion to Remand to Planning and Zoning Commission for Rehearing and Decision. She further moved to authorize the Chair of the County Council to sign the Final Order on Joint Motion to Remand to Planning and Zoning Commission for Rehearing and Decision.**

**The motion passed with the following vote:**

**Yes: 7 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, and Councilor Reagor**

- B. CASE NO. APL-2025-0024. An Appeal Application Requesting the Los Alamos County Council to Remand the Planning and Zoning Commission's Decision in VAR-2025-0014 Back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for Rehearing and Decision. Case No. VAR-2025-0014 Requested Variance Approval from Front Setback Standards to Install a Carport Adjacent to the Front Property Line at 2339 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM, Zoned Residential-Mixed (RM-1)

Mr. Alvin Leaphart, County Attorney, presented.

**A motion was made by Councilor Cull, seconded by Councilor Reagor, that the County Council, without full hearing, find the Parties' joint motion for remand as well taken and grant the Final Order on Joint Motion to Remand to Planning and Zoning Commission for Rehearing and Decision. She further moved to authorize the Chair of the County Council to sign the Final Order on Joint Motion to Remand to Planning and Zoning Commission for Rehearing and Decision.**

**The motion passed with the following vote:**

**Yes: 7 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, and Councilor Reagor**

## 11. BUSINESS

- A. Presentation and Possible Approval of Granting Easement in Bayo Canyon to Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management

Ms. Linda Matteson, Deputy County Manager, spoke.

Ms. Alison Kuhlman, FUSRAP Site Manager, U.S. DOE of Legacy Management, presented.

Ms. Katherine Chester, Asset Management, U.S. DOE of Legacy Management, presented.

Public Comment:

None.

**A motion was made by Councilor Hand, seconded by Councilor Cull, that Council approve the granting of an easement to the United States of America as described in Attachment A and authorize the County Manager to sign easement.**

**The motion passed with the following vote:**

**Yes: 7 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, and Councilor Reagor**

- B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Services Agreement No. AGR 25-991 with AssetWorks, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,215,609.32 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax for Fleet Management Software for a Five-Year Term

Mr. Eric Martinez, Public Works Director, spoke.

Mr. Pete Mondragon, Fleet Manager, presented.

Public Comment:

None.

A motion was made by Councilor Havemann, seconded by Councilor Cull, that Council approve Services Agreement No. AGR 25-991 with AssetWorks, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,215,609.32 plus applicable gross receipts tax for Fleet Management Software for a Five-Year Term.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 7 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, and Councilor Reagor

## RECESS

*Councilor Ryti called for a recess at 07:54 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 08:03 p.m.*

## 12. COUNCIL BUSINESS

### A. General Council Business

#### 1) Consideration and Possible Action on the 2026 Los Alamos Federal Priorities

Ms. Danielle Duran, Intergovernmental Affairs Manager, presented.

Public Comment:  
None.

**A motion was made by Councilor Herrmann, seconded by Councilor Hand, that Council approve Attachment B – Draft 2026 Los Alamos Federal Priorities, as discussed this evening and amended.**

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 7 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, and Councilor Reagor

#### 2) Consideration and Possible Approval of Council's Work Plan Review Working Group Recommendation on the Boards and Commission Work Plans for Calendar Year 2026

Ms. Linda Matteson, Deputy County Manager, spoke.

Public Comment:  
Mr. David Hampton spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Cull, seconded by Councilor Herrmann, that Council thank all Boards and Commission members for their dedication to public service and approve the 2026 Work Plans as amended from the following boards: Arts in Public Places Board, Transportation Board, Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Personnel Board, Parks and Recreation Board, Library Board, LAC Health Council, Historic Preservation Advisory Board, and Environmental Sustainability Board; with the understanding that this approval does not represent formal Council budget approval of all projects, proposals, or potential recommendations listed in the Work Plans. She further moved that Council approve the continuation of B&C annual presentations to Council and direct the County Manager to notify the Boards and Commission Chairs of this requirement and the approval of the 2026 Work Plans.

The motion passed with the following vote:

**Yes: 7 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, and Councilor Reagor**

**B. Appointments**

None.

**C. Board and Commission Vacancy Report**

1) Board and Commission Vacancy Report

Councilor Ryti reported on the attached Board and Commission Vacancy Report.

**D. Board and Commission Reports**

Councilor Havemann reported on the Planning and Zoning Commission.  
Councilor Neal-Clinton reported on the Personnel Board.  
Councilor Hand reported on the Environmental Sustainability Board.

**E. County Manager's Report**

None.

**F. Council Chair Report**

Chair Ryti reported on meeting with citizens regarding the North Mesa Recreation Master Plan, the discussion with Environmental Management DOE, the Congressional Delegation meeting, and a tour of Chamisa Elementary School.

**G. Approval of Councilor Expenses**

**A motion was made by Councilor Reagor, seconded by Councilor Havemann, that Council approve up to three Councilors to attend the three new meetings discussed: two for NACO and one for New Mexico Counties.**

**The motion passed with the following vote:**

**Yes: 6 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, and Councilor Reagor**

**No: 1 – Councilor Cull**

**H. Preview of Upcoming Agenda Items**

1) Tickler Report of Upcoming Agenda Items

Councilor Ryti highlighted items on the report and requested an item related to single-use plastic bags to be placed on an upcoming agenda.

**13. COUNCILOR COMMENTS**

Councilor Reagor commented on the Planning and Zoning Commission Vacancy.

Councilor Hand commented on attending the Northern Area Local Workforces Development Board CEO meeting.

Councilor Neal-Clinton commented on attending a tour of the Los Alamos County Fire Department with Councilor Hand and Councilor Reagor. She stated that she was impressed with the department's operations and noted that the staff were very engaged during the tour. She also commented on the information shared regarding the level of education and specialized training of the staff and gave kudos to the department for being excellent hosts. She requested that her comments be included in the record.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS

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Randall Ryti, Council Chair

Attest:

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Michael D. Redondo, County Clerk

Meeting Transcribed by: Victoria Montoya, Sr. Deputy Clerk

**Budget Revision 2026-37**  
 Council Meeting Date:03/03/2026

|   | <b>Fund &amp; Department</b> | <b>Org</b> | <b>Object</b> | <b>Revenue<br/>(decrease)</b> | <b>Expenditures<br/>(decrease)</b> | <b>Transfers<br/>In(Out)</b> | <b>Fund Balance<br/>(decrease)</b> |
|---|------------------------------|------------|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1   | Fleet                        | 72374200   | 8839          |                               | \$ 123,000                         |                              | \$ (123,000)                       |
| 2   | Fleet                        | 72374200   | 3479          | \$ 123,000                    |                                    |                              | \$ 123,000                         |
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| <p><b>Description:</b> HB 308 Appropriations grant #A24-5338 from NM Aging &amp; Long-Term Services Dept. to purchase and equip vehicles for the Betty Ehart Senior Center.</p> |                              |            |               |                               |                                    |                              |                                    |
| <p><b>Fiscal Impact:</b> Increase in Fleet Budget of \$123,000</p>  |                              |            |               |                               |                                    |                              |                                    |

Chelsea Ashcraft                      2/23/2026  
 Preparer                                      Date:

Cory Styron  
 Department Director

[Signature]  
 Grant Manager/Accounting Operations Manager

Tara Mariano  
 Budget Manager/Budget Analyst

**Budget Revision 2026 - 32**

Council Meeting Date: 2/17/26

|  | <b>Fund &amp; Department</b> | <b>Org</b> | <b>Object</b> | <b>Revenue</b><br>(decrease) | <b>Expenditures</b><br>(decrease) | <b>Transfers</b><br>In(Out) | <b>Fund Balance</b><br>(decrease) |
|--|------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1  | Cemetary Fund/CSD            | 01852120   | 8359          |                              | \$ 150,000                        |                             | \$ (150,000)                      |
| 2  | Cemetary Fund/CSD            | 01852120   | 8559          |                              | \$ 50,000                         |                             | \$ (50,000)                       |
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| 10   |                              |            |               |                              |                                   |                             |                                   |
| <p><b>Description:</b> Design services for phase 1 and associated expenses for the cemetery. There is a sufficient fund balance to cover these expenses.</p> |                              |            |               |                              |                                   |                             |                                   |
| <p><b>Fiscal Impact:</b> -\$200,000</p>  |                              |            |               |                              |                                   |                             |                                   |

Chelsea Ashcraft                      2/13/2026  
 Preparer                                      Date

Cory Styron  
 Department Director

Tara Mariano  
 Budget Manager/Budget Analyst



County Manager's Office

DELEGATION AND DESIGNATION OF TREASURER AUTHORITY

The County Manager's Office is established under the Los Alamos County Charter ("Charter"). Section 302 of the Charter requires the County Manager to be responsible for the duties of the Treasurer of the County and authorizes the County Manager to delegate her duties only upon formal approval of Council.

Therefore, I, Anne W. Laurent, County Manager, upon Council approval on March 3, 2026, hereby delegate to Helen M. Perraglio, Administrative Services Director, the following authority pursuant to Section 302 of the County Charter:

Authority is hereby granted to Helen M. Perraglio, Administrative Services Director, to perform the duties of the County Treasurer, as detailed in the County Code of Ordinances, in addition to those duties and responsibilities of the County's Administrative Services Director, as detailed in the County Code of Ordinances and in the Administrative Services Director's Job Description and Classification.

**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
Randall T. Ryti  
*Council Chair*  
Ryn Herrmann  
*Council Vice Chair*  
Theresa Cull  
Suzie Havemann  
Melanee Hand  
Beverly Neal-Clinton  
David Reagor

**COUNTY MANAGER**  
Anne W. Laurent

This delegation is not subject to sub-delegation without the County Manager's prior and expressed written consent, and only upon formal approval of Council.

Any and all prior delegations and designations of Treasurer authority are hereby rescinded, annulled and repealed.

This delegation shall remain in full force and effect until the delegation of authority is rescinded, annulled or repealed by the County Manager, or until Helen Perraglio is no longer employed as the County's Administrative Services Director.

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ANNE W. LAURENT, COUNTY MANAGER

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DATE

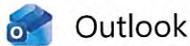
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RANDALL T. RYTI, COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIR

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
MICHAEL D. REDONDO, COUNTY CLERK





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## Carpports next to sidewalks without any setbacks

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**From** Benjamin Hill <benhill711@gmail.com>  
**Date** Tue 3/3/2026 6:33 AM  
**To** Ryti, Randall <randall.ryti@losalamosnm.gov>

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Councilor Ryti,

I know you have two request coming before the County Council this evening regarding variance request for carpports in neighborhoods where most residents have no covered parking. Two charges in the County Development Code for the staff and the P&Z Commission in Article 1 Division 4 of the code are: (i) Provide for harmonious development in the county; (n) Control and abate the unsightly use of buildings or land. I hope that in remanding these back to the commission you will gain assurances from staff that they take those requirements more seriously than they did when I was on the commission.

The approval of these carpports for dubious claims of hardship will establish a precedent for similar unharmonious unsightly structures which alter the neighborhoods character and massing to be approved throughout the western neighborhood. In addition, if you take a drive through the western area in Los Alamos and some areas of White Rock you'll notice cars and RV's illegally parked in lawn areas along with equipment and trash piled up in driveways suggesting the county compliance staff is already overwhelmed with code violations. These carpports will provide even more opportunities for residents to pile up junk that doesn't fit in their homes next the the sidewalk and public right of ways.

A few photos for evidence of what has already been allowed:





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Please ask yourself if you'd like to live across the street from any of this, and if you think it is harmonious with your vision of Los Alamos. Apparently Count P&Z staff is OK with it as it was presented to the P&Z Commission without any recommended restrictions.

Sincerely and with great appreciation for your dedication to the county.

Ben H Hill  
Western Area  
4688 Ridgeway Dr, Los Alamos, NM 87544  
505-709-7687

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## EASEMENT

Bayo Canyon, New Mexico FUSRAP Site

**The Incorporated County of Los Alamos, a political subdivision of the State of New Mexico**, hereinafter referred to as (Grantor), for the sum of \$10 and other valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged does hereby grant access, subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, to the Bayo Canyon, New Mexico, Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Site (Site) through an easement in, upon, over, under and across the Site, as further defined below, to the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** (Grantee), represented by the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE).

1. The Site, as described in Exhibit A, referenced herein and incorporated hereto, was formerly owned by Grantee, under the jurisdictional control of the United States Atomic Energy Commission (now DOE). The Site was transferred to the County of Los Alamos, State of New Mexico via quitclaim deed recorded on July 5, 1967, with the Clerk of Los Alamos County, New Mexico in Misc. Book 8, at Page 277, as Document No. 12200, Los Alamos County records. Grantor is the current fee simple owner of Site located in Los Alamos County, New Mexico and Santa Fe County, New Mexico.

2. The Site was designated in 1976 for remedial action under FUSRAP in view of small amounts of subsurface contamination remaining from high explosives experiments involving radioactive materials conducted there during the period 1944-61. A radiological survey of the site conducted by the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in 1976-77 identified three areas of subsurface strontium-90 contamination in excess of the criterion level. The selected remedial action was based on extensive radiological characterization and comprehensive engineering assessments. The selected remedial action comprised the emplacement of six permanent monuments around a 0.6-ha (1.5-acre) area containing the contamination and the filing of deed restrictions for this Site.

3. Grantor and Grantee agree and acknowledge that this Easement is necessary in order to protect human health and the environment. The purpose of this Easement is to prohibit excavation of the Site, except as described below, to ensure that the remedy remains protective, and Grantee retains the right of access to perform Site activities to support long term protectiveness.

4. Until the year 2142, the Grantor grants to Grantee the exclusive right of access, including rights of ingress and egress in, upon, over, under and across the Site to perform project activities related to inspections and site maintenance, if needed, and maintenance of markers or signs on the Site. This includes but is not limited to Grantee's right to make excavations of any type, including grading, ditching, or drilling, upon any part of the Site.

5. The Grantor for itself, its successors and assigns, agrees that for the protection of the environment, people, and property, Grantor is prohibited and shall prohibit others from exercising the Grantee's exclusive right to make excavations at the Site. Said land is part of Site No. 66, Bayo Canyon Parcel, as described in the Quitclaim Deed recorded on July 5, 1967, with the Clerk of Los Alamos County, New Mexico in Misc. Book 8, at Page 277, as Document No. 12200, Los Alamos County records.

6. Notwithstanding Paragraph 5 of this Easement, Grantor, its successors and assigns may excavate (which includes grading, ditching, or drilling) to a depth no lower than elevation 6620 ft. MSL, for the purpose of installing, constructing, maintaining, repairing, replacing, or relocating roads and utilities within the Site.

7. All current and future purchasers, lessees, or possessors of any relevant portion of the Site shall be deemed by their purchase, leasing, or possession of the Site to be notified of this Easement and agree for and among themselves, their heirs, successors, and assigns, that rights, conditions, and restrictions, as herein established, must be adhered to and their interest in the Site shall be subject to the rights, conditions, and restrictions contained herein.

8. The Grantor agrees that this Easement set out herein shall be recorded and incorporated by reference in each and all deeds and leases of any portion of the Site. This Easement shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Los Alamos County Clerk's Office .

9. Said Easement, including but not limited to its rights, conditions, and restrictions, are conveyed by Grantor subject to existing easements for public roads and highways, public utilities, and pipelines.

10. Grantee, its successors and assigns agrees to notify Grantor within seventy-two (72) hours of any required access to the Site. Grantee will coordinate access with Grantor, its successors or assigns, to minimize interference of their use and enjoyment of the Site.

11. Grantor, its successors or assigns, shall notify the Grantee by certified mail or electronic means, at least thirty (30) days prior to any conveyance, or intent to convey any interest in the Site.

12. Grantee, its successors and assigns, agrees that it shall obtain all necessary permits, licenses, and approvals in connection with the activities to be conducted by the Grantee on the Site.

13. The rights, conditions, and restrictions detailed in this Easement, or any portion of them, may, from time to time, be removed from the Site or portions thereof, at the sole discretion of the

Grantee, when the Grantee has determined that the Site meets regulatory standards, otherwise the rights, conditions, and restrictions of this Easement shall continue in effect.

14. Whenever any Party to this Easement seeks to give or serve notice, demand, or other communication with respect to this Easement, such notice, demand, or communication shall be in writing and shall be sent simultaneously to an authorized representative of Grantor and to the Grantee, by electronic means or certified mail with return receipt requested.

15. Notices.

- a. Notice to Grantor and Designee. Any notice from Grantee to Grantor shall be given to:

County Manager  
Incorporated County of Los Alamos  
1000 Central Avenue, Suite 350  
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544  
Telephone: (505) 663-1750  
Email: [lacmanager@losalamosnm.gov](mailto:lacmanager@losalamosnm.gov)

Notice to Grantee. Any notice from Grantor to Grantee shall be given to:

Realty Officer  
U.S. Department of Energy  
2597 Legacy Way  
Grand Junction, CO 81503 Telephone: (970) 248-6000  
Email: [LMRealProperty@lm.doe.gov](mailto:LMRealProperty@lm.doe.gov)

16. Each of the Parties to this Easement hereby acknowledge their own responsibility to notify the other if the address or point of contact listed above should change for any reason whatsoever.

17. If any portion of this Easement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining portion of the agreement shall remain in full force and effect.







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**12. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- 1) 20815-26, Consideration and Possible Action on the 2026 Los Alamos Federal Priorities

The words “and NNSA Cleanup” were added to encompass the cleanup of Rendija Canyon, which is an NNSA responsibility.

**REVISED SECTION FOR ATTACHMENT B (ATTACHED):**

Therefore, use the following Revised Recommended Action:

**I move that Council approve Attachment B – Draft 2026 Los Alamos Federal Priorities, as amended.**

Los Alamos County Council  
Regular Session  
March 3, 2026  
Item 12.A.1

# Los Alamos County 2026 Federal Priorities

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ATTACHMENT B

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## Summary Request

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**The following are Los Alamos County's federal priorities for 2026 (Federal Fiscal Year 2027):**

- I. Legislative Request - EM and NNSA Appropriations**
  - a. Fund and support Los Alamos National Laboratory Missions, including the national security mission and budget and the environmental cleanup mission and budget.**
    - i. Support the National Defense Mission**
    - ii. Support and increase the NNSA budget**
      - 1. Ensure a robust budget for NNSA AI-related infrastructure to fulfill the NNSA mission.**
    - iii. Support and increase the EM and NNSA Cleanup Budget**
      - 1. Increase the budget to ensure safe drinking water for the Laboratory and the Community**
      - 2. Support clean-up efforts at LANL and Los Alamos County**
      - 3. Ensure clean-up of TA-21, including MDA-T, and Rendija Canyon, to levels compatible with transfer to Los Alamos County as required by law.**
    - iv. Support DOE - Los Alamos County DPU Electric Coordination Agreement.**
    - v. Support Laboratory-County essential operations e.g., fire department, recognize the intertwined nature of operations.**
- II. Support Los Alamos County's WRDA request for the replacement water well.**
- III. Legislative Request - Congressional Legislation**
  - a. Pass new land transfer language in the NDAA for Housing and Sustainable Development in the County to support the NNSA Mission and the citizens of Los Alamos County.**
- IV. Support efforts for new nuclear, nuclear research – including SMRs, fusion technology, and reprocessing, and collaboration-based siting.**
- V. Congressional Legislation -**
  - a. Support wildfire mitigation, wildland fire fighting, post-fire assistance, and wildfire insurance initiatives.**
  - b. Support Senate Bill 2430, "Wildfire Insurance Coverage Study Act of 2025"**

- VI. Congressional Request and Appropriation -
  - a. Create a DOE Community Infrastructure Grant Program in the NDAA that will ensure communities are able to support the DOE Mission.****
- VII. Secure funding for the County from the relevant agencies and programs to support infrastructure projects that serve the County and Northern New Mexico.  
Possible projects include: The Community Health Action Center; the Replacement Water Well; other projects as deemed necessary by County Management.**
- VIII. Support efforts by NACo and NLC to maintain County and City authorities and oppose any efforts at pre-emption or reduction in local government authorities.**

**ATTACHMENT B**

## Boards and Commissions Vacancies as of February 26, 2026

### **Art in Public Places**

No Upcoming Vacancies  
2 Upcoming Vacancies

2 reappointments going to Council on March 3, 2026

### **Board of Public Utilities**

No Current Vacancies  
No Upcoming Vacancies

### **County Health Council**

3 Current Vacancies  
No Upcoming Vacancies

2 appointments going to Council on March 3, 2026

### **Environmental Sustainability**

No Current Vacancies  
No Upcoming Vacancies

### **Historic Preservation**

1 Current Vacancies  
No Upcoming Vacancies

### **Library Board**

~~1 Current Vacancies~~  
No Upcoming Vacancies

### **Lodgers Tax**

No Current Vacancies  
No Upcoming Vacancies

### **Parks and Recreation**

2 Current Vacancies  
No Upcoming Vacancies

### **Personnel Board**

2 Current Vacancy  
No Upcoming Vacancy

1 appointment going to Council on March 3, 2026

### **Planning and Zoning**

Current Vacancies  
No Upcoming Vacancies

### **Transportation Board**

2 Current Vacancy  
2 Upcoming Vacancies

2 reappointments and 2 appointments going to Council on March 3, 2026