



County of Los Alamos

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Minutes

County Council – Work Session

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

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

6:00 PM

Fire Station No. 3 – White Rock
129 State Road 4 – White Rock

1. OPENING/ROLL CALL

Chair Theresa Cull called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Chair Cull made opening remarks regarding the procedure of the meeting.

The following Councilors were in attendance:

**Present: 6 – Councilor Cull, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Herrmann,
Councilor Neal-Clinton, Councilor Reagor, and Councilor Ryti**

Remote: 1 – Councilor Hand

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: All.

3. STATEMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

Councilor Havemann read the following statement to be included in the minutes: “The matters discussed in the closed sessions of County Council held on February 11, 2025, that began at 4:30 p.m. was limited only to the topics specified in the notice of the closed sessions, and no action was taken on any matter in the closed sessions. We request this statement be included in the meeting minutes.”

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

The motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

6. **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS**

- A. Presentation by Jessica Kunkle, Manager of the Department of Energy Environmental Management, Los Alamos Field Office

Ms. Jessica Kunkle, Manager of the Department of Energy Environmental Management, Los Alamos Field Office, presented.

Mr. Brad Smith, President and General Manager, N3B Los Alamos, presented.

Public Comment:
None.

No action taken.

- B. 2025 Legislative Session Update Presentation

Ms. Danielle Duran, Intergovernmental Affairs Manager, presented.

Public Comment:
None.

No action taken.

7. **BUSINESS**

- A. Action to Suspend Council Rules for Work Session

A motion was made by Councilor Ryti, seconded by Councilor Neal-Clinton, that Council suspend their procedural rules for this work session, February 11, 2025, so that formal action may be taken.

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

Public Comment:
None.

- B. Consideration and Possible Action of 2025 Los Alamos Federal Priorities

Ms. Danielle Duran, Intergovernmental Affairs Manager, presented.
Ms. Anne Laurent, County Manager, spoke.

Public Comment:
None.

A motion was made by Councilor Hand, seconded by Councilor Herrmann, that Council approve the 2025 Los Alamos Federal Priorities.

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

No: 1 – Councilor Reagor

C. Approval of County Manager's Selection of Eric Martinez as Public Works Department Director

Ms. Anne Laurent, County Manager, presented.

A motion was made by Councilor Herrmann, seconded by Councilor Neal-Clinton, that Council approve the appointment of Eric Martinez as Public Works Department Director.

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

RECESS

Chair Cull called for a recess at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

None.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Motion:

A motion was made by Councilor Neal-Clinton, seconded by Councilor Havemann, that Council approve the items on the Consent Agenda and that the motions contained in the staff reports as amended be included for the record.

A. Approval of County Council Minutes for the January 28, 2025, Regular Session

I move that Council approve the County Council Minutes for the January 28, 2025, Regular Session.

- B. Award of Bid No. IFB25-36 with Los Alamos Landscaping & More, LLC for the Purpose of the East Park Basketball and North Mesa Tennis Court Demo and Renovation Project and the Related Budget Revision No. 2025-32

I move that Council approve the Award of Bid No. 25-36 with Los Alamos Landscaping & More, LLC in the Amount of \$1,850,560.80 plus two Bid Alternates in the Amount of \$2,500, plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax and a Contingency in the Amount of \$198,394.25, for a Total of \$2,051,455.05, for the Purpose of the East Park Basketball and North Mesa Tennis Court Demo and Renovation Project.

Mr. Cory Styron, Community Services Director, spoke.

- C. Approval of Budget Revision 2025-23 Midyear Grant Budget Adjustment

I move that Council approve Budget Revision 2025-23 for the FY 2025 Midyear Grant Budget Adjustment in net amount of \$7,973,623 and include Attachment B as part of minutes of this meeting.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

10. WORKING GROUPS AND EXTERNAL ENTITIES REPORTS

Councilor Ryti reported on the Inclusivity Task Force, the Local and Small Business Engagement Working Group, the Main Street Futures Working Group, the Sustainable Communities Coalition of New Mexico, the Energy Communities Alliance, and the Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board.

Councilor Neal-Clinton commented on the Inclusivity Task Force.

Councilor Reagor reported on the Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board.

Ms. Linda Matteson, Deputy County Manager, spoke about the Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board.

Ms. Anne Laurent, County Manager, spoke about the Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board and the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District.

Councilor Havemann commented on the Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board.

Councilor Hand reported on the Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board, the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District, the Transportation Board, and the North Central Regional Transit District Board.

Councilor Havemann reported on the Coalition of Sustainable Communities New Mexico and the Board of Public Utilities.

Councilor Neal-Clinton reported on the Library Board.

Councilor Herrmann reported on the North Central New Mexico Economic Development Board.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS

Theresa Cull, Council Chair

Attest:

Michael D. Redondo, County Clerk

Meeting Transcribed by: Allison Collins, Deputy Clerk

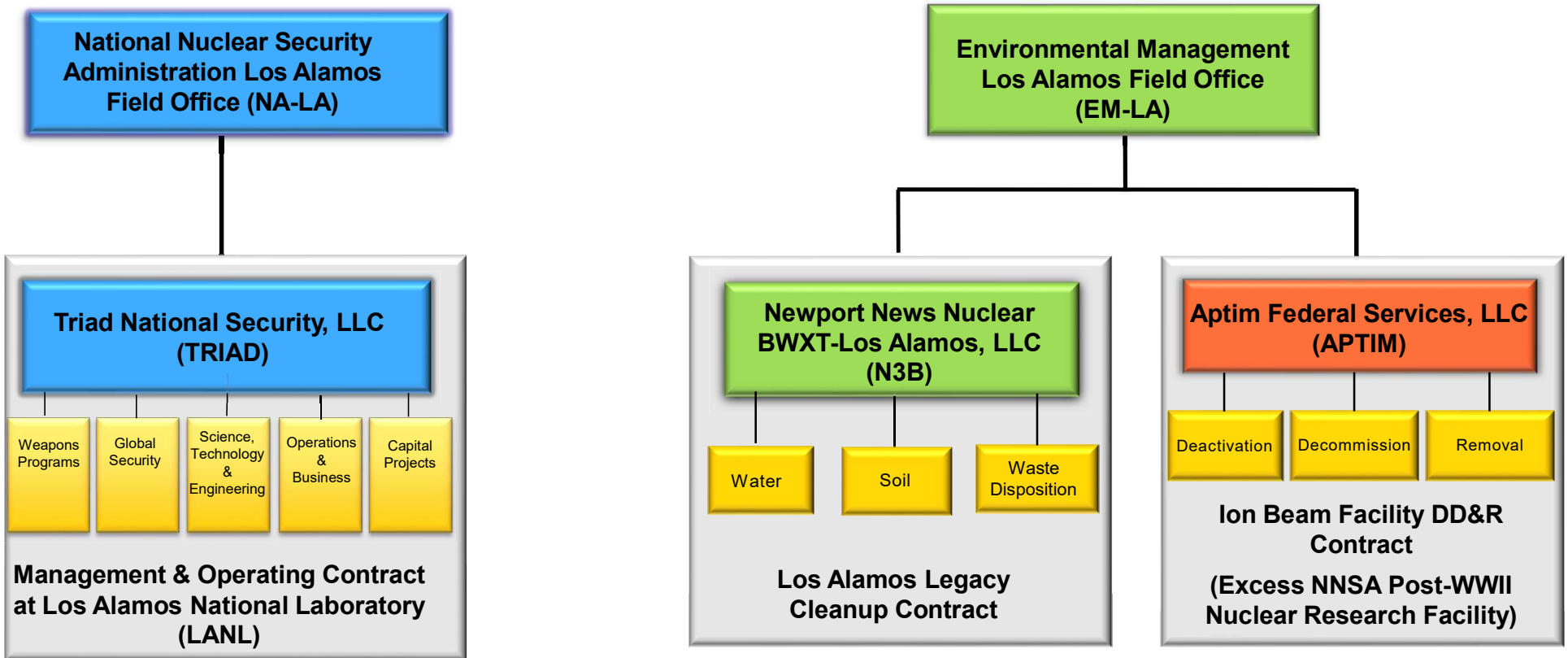
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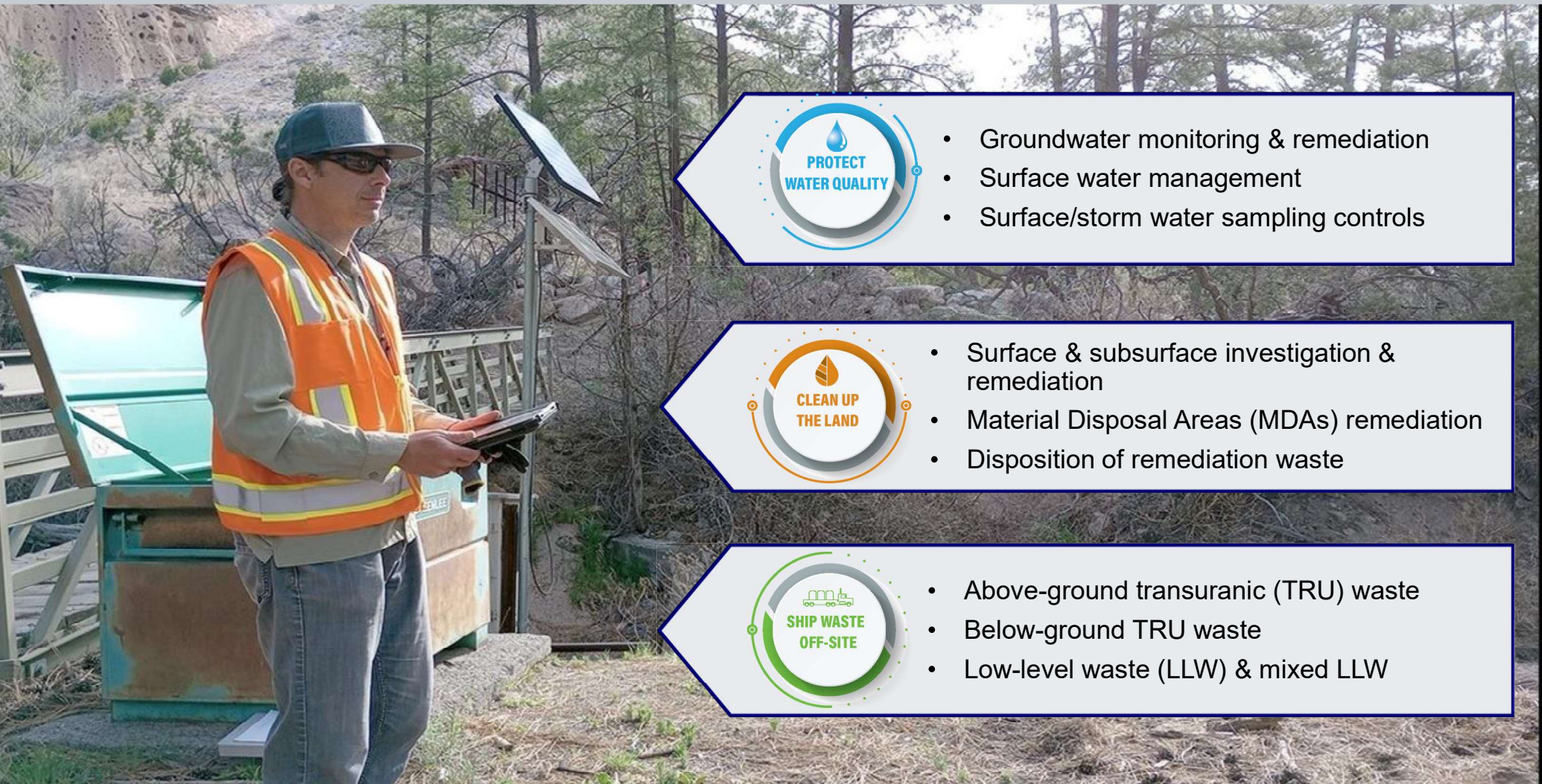
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY IN LOS ALAMOS






- Groundwater monitoring & remediation
- Surface water management
- Surface/storm water sampling controls



- Surface & subsurface investigation & remediation
- Material Disposal Areas (MDAs) remediation
- Disposition of remediation waste



- Above-ground transuranic (TRU) waste
- Below-ground TRU waste
- Low-level waste (LLW) & mixed LLW

2016 COMPLIANCE ORDER ON CONSENT (CONSENT ORDER)

- Principal document governing legacy cleanup at LANL
- Establishes annual process by which EM-LA & the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) jointly determine cleanup activities
- NMED selects the cleanup remedy for sites requiring corrective measures
- Annual planning process for [Revised Consent Order](#) has begun





HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM GROUNDWATER PLUME

- From 1956-1972, potassium dichromate, with the active ingredient hexavalent chromium, was commonly used as a corrosion inhibitor in cooling towers in non-nuclear power plants worldwide, including at LANL
- Plume discovered in 2004—first detection above New Mexico groundwater standard of 50 micrograms per liter
- ~1,000 feet beneath Mortandad & Sandia Canyons at LANL
- Approximately 1 mile long x ½ mile wide



HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM GROUNDWATER PLUME CONTROL INTERIM MEASURES

- PRIMARY OBJECTIVE: prevent migration of plume beyond LANL boundary with hydraulic plume control
- Interim Measures (IM) consists of:
 - 5 extraction wells
 - Groundwater treatment system
 - 5 injection wells along downgradient plume edge
 - Over 3 miles of buried conveyance pipelines
- Full operation of the IM commenced 2018 (under NMED approved 2015 work plan)
- The IM is running 24/7 with 3 extraction wells & 3 injection wells
- Monthly sampling is being conducted

EXPERT TECHNICAL REVIEW



In March 2024, EM-LA & NMED jointly convened a team of experts from the Network of National Laboratories for Environmental Management & Stewardship, industry, academia, & U.S. EPA, Region 6

Primary recommendation is to restart IM—using a portion of the original system—while other studies & field investigations move forward

EM-LA & NMED will work together to evaluate & prioritize the recommendations from the expert technical review [report](#)

EM-LA & NMED will mutually agree on implementation of the recommendations

TRANSURANIC (TRU) WASTE SHIPMENTS

- TRU waste: man-made materials (e.g., tools, protective clothing) contaminated with radioactive elements that have atomic numbers greater than uranium on the periodic table of elements
- Legacy waste: defense-related TRU waste retrieved, buried, &/or generated prior to October 1, 1999
- TRU waste is characterized at Technical Area (TA) 54, Area G by the Central Characterization Project (CCP) prior to approval for shipment to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP)
- Total TRU shipments to WIPP since start of LANL Legacy Cleanup Contract (2018):
 - 187 shipments
 - ~590 cubic meters of waste
- Los Alamos has an “at-ready” agreement with WIPP; LANL shipments take priority

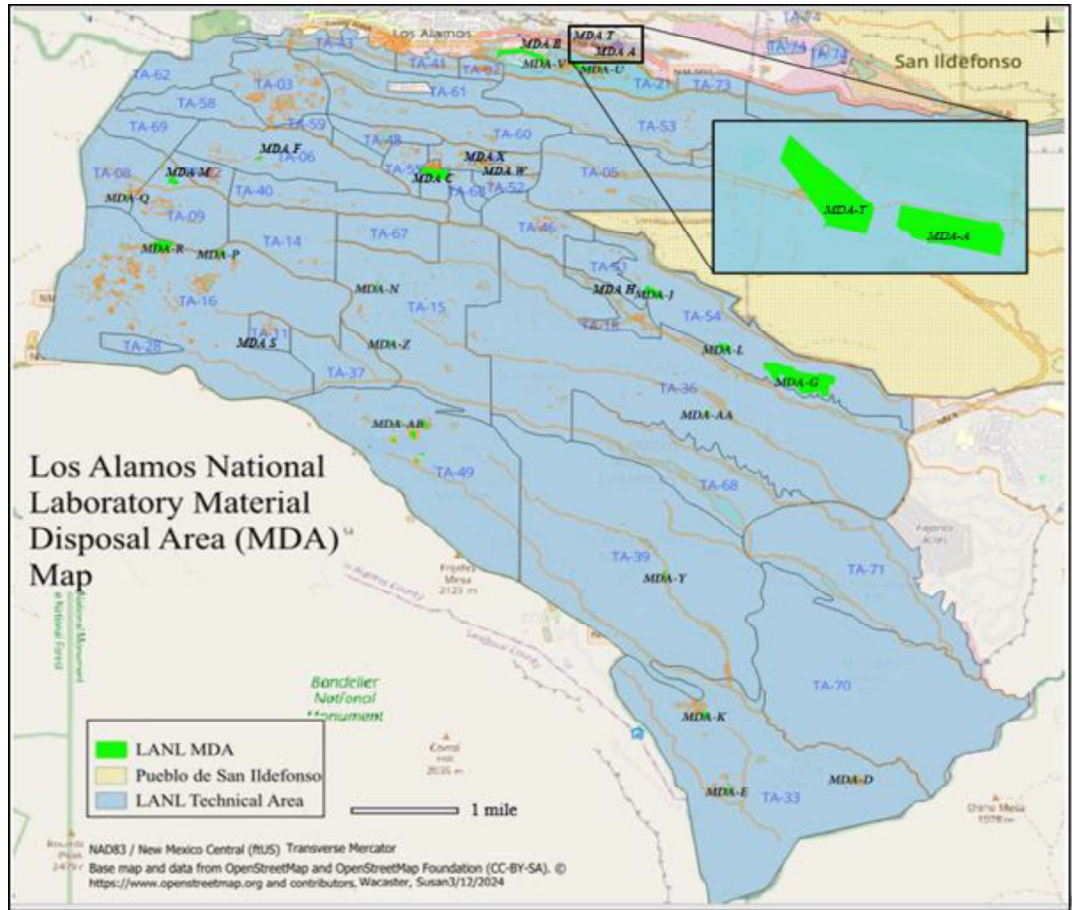


CORRUGATED METAL PIPES (CMPs)



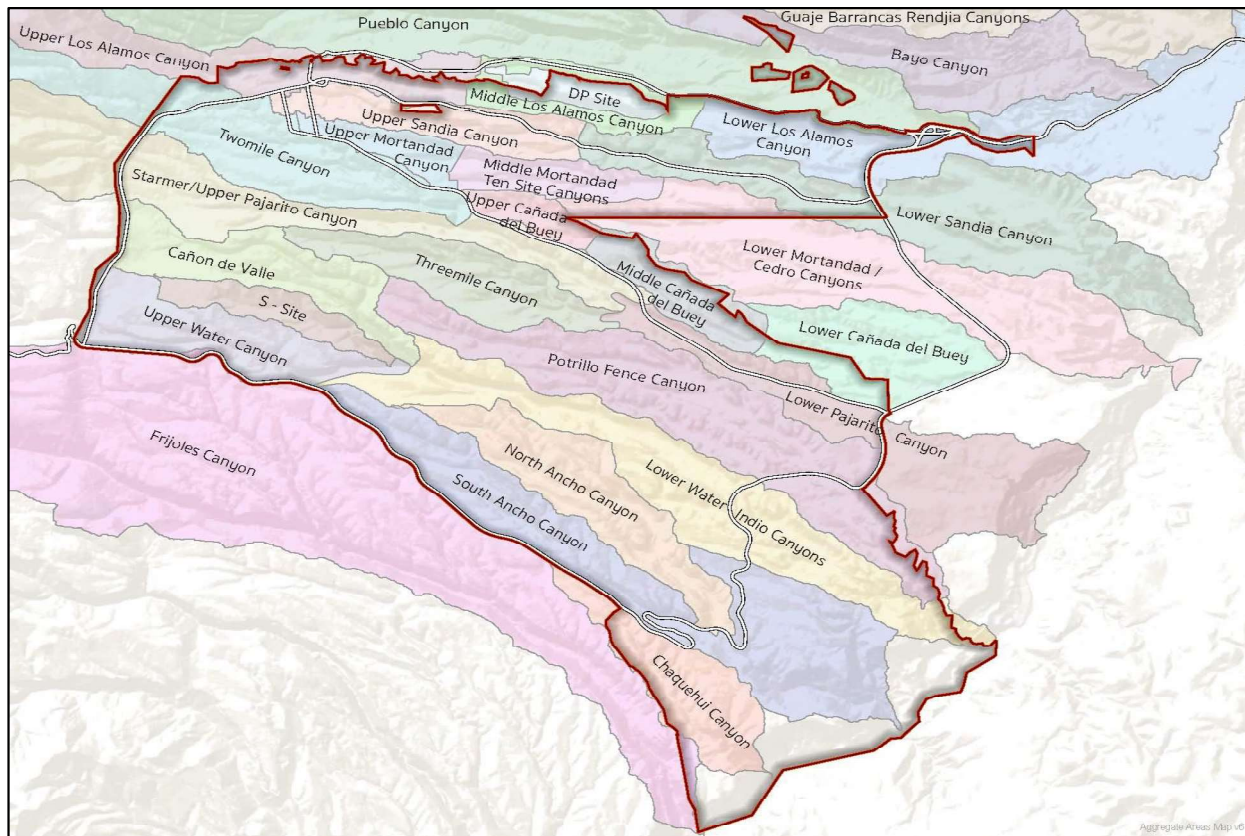
- Cemented waste from TA-21 Radioactive Liquid Waste Treatment Facility in Cold War era
- Each CMP measures ~20 feet long & weighs between 10,000 & 14,000 pounds
- 158 CMPs retrieved at TA-54, Area G & size-reduced
- Characterization & shipment to WIPP will begin in 2025

MATERIAL DISPOSAL AREAS (MDAs)



- Cold War-era waste disposal sites ranging from septic tanks up to multi-acre waste burial areas
- 26 MDAs at LANL
- 9 MDAs remediated to date
- 17 still require corrective action

AGGREGATE AREAS

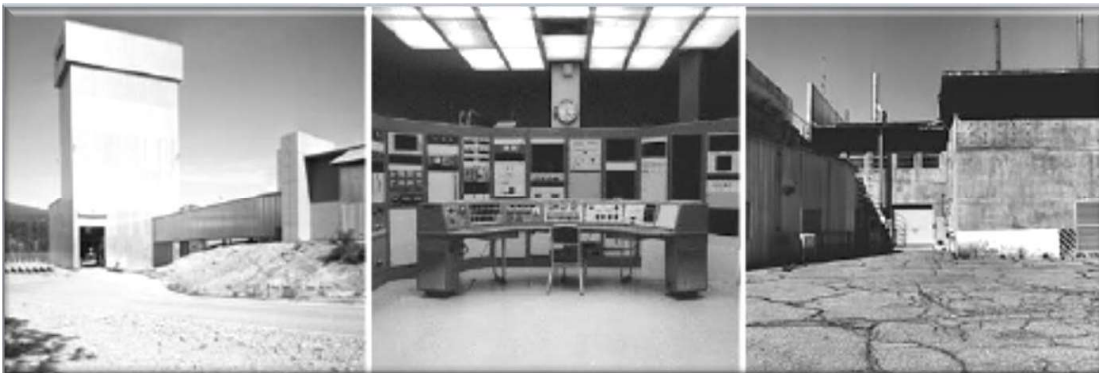


- “Aggregate Areas” are locations across mesa tops, canyons, & drainages throughout LANL
- May contain contaminated soil & debris from legacy operations at LANL
- Key component of cleanup to protect water quality
- 172 of 205 sites in Los Alamos Townsite have been investigated & remediated
 - No Further Action determined, or Certificates of Completion issued by NMED

ION BEAM FACILITY DEACTIVATION, DECOMMISSIONING & REMOVAL



- Built in 1951 to support essential post-World War II scientific research, housed LANL's two Van de Graaff accelerators
- The 60,000-square-foot facility was decommissioned in 1999
- Surveying & sampling of Administrative area is in progress
- Prioritizing controls & safety measures; implementing air monitoring
- Deactivation & demolition of Administrative wing will begin in fall 2025



9. CONSENT

C. 19756-25

Approval of Budget Revision 2025-23 Midyear Grant Budget Adjustment

Please use the Corrected Attachment B:

B - Budget Revision 2025-23

FOR Consent Motion, us the Following:

I move that Council approve the items on the Consent Agenda and that the motions contained in the staff reports, as amended, be included for the record.

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Budget Revision 2025 - 23

Council Meeting Date: 02/11/2025

	Fund & Department	Org	Object	Revenue (decrease)	Expenditures (decrease)	Transfers In(Out)	Fund Balance (decrease)
1	MUNI CT - DWI	14218042	3479	\$ (5,898)			\$ -
2	MUNI CT - DWI	14218042	3452	\$ (18,045)			\$ -
3	MUNI CT - DWI	14218042	8369		\$ 42,505		\$ (42,505)
4	POLICE - E911	01165901	3453	\$ 302,318			\$ -
5	POLICE - E911	01165901	8369		\$ 302,318		\$ (302,318)
6	POLICE - EMPG	01165710	3329	\$ 163,803			\$ -
7	POLICE - EMPG	01165710	3479	\$ 163,803			\$ -
8	POLICE - SHSGP	01165908	3329	\$ 347,287			\$ -
9	POLICE - SHSGP	01165908	8369		\$ 338,774		\$ (338,774)
10	POLICE - VAWA/VOCA	01165904	3329	\$ (77,494)			\$ -
11	POLICE - VAWA/VOCA	01165904	8111		\$ (197)		\$ 197
12	POLICE - VAWA/VOCA	01165904	3479	\$ 5,902			\$ -
13	POLICE - BPVP	01165902	3319	\$ 6,269			\$ -
14	POLICE - BPVP	01165902	8557		\$ 7,217		\$ (7,217)
15	POLICE - LEPF	14165541	3455	\$ (60)			\$ -
16	POLICE - LEPF	14165541	8839		\$ (60)		\$ 60
	FIRE - DOH	14561545	3423	\$ (10,455)			
	FIRE - DOH	14561545	8489		\$ (6,067)		
17	FIRE - FIRE MARSHAL	14461444	3425	\$ (55,770)			\$ -
18	FIRE - FIRE MARSHAL	14461444	8839		\$ (803,774)		\$ 803,774

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19	FIRE - AFG	01162611	3319	\$ 173,528			\$ -
20	FIRE - AFG	01162611	8369		\$ 172,528		\$ (172,528)
21	CSD - NMDOH	14650910	3479	\$ 65,644			\$ -
22	CSD - NMDOH	14650910	8369		\$ (39,197)		\$ 39,197
23	CSD - NMDOH	14650910	8562		\$ 34,488		\$ (34,488)
24	CSD - LG ABATEMENT	18850520	6949	\$ 47,749			\$ -
25	CSD - LG ABATEMENT	18850520	8369		\$ 83,173		\$ (83,173)
26	CSD - OUTDOOR REC TRAC	01152510	3329	\$ 65,000			\$ -
27	CSD - OUTDOOR REC TRAC	01152510	8369		\$ 65,000		\$ (65,000)
28	CSD - QUALITY OF LIFE	CP7018	3329	\$ 300,000			\$ -
29	CSD - GRANTS IN AIDE	01151515	3435	\$ (98)			\$ -
30	CSD - GRANTS IN AIDE	01151515	8519		\$ 15,431		\$ (15,431)
31	TRANSIT - 5339	65173293	3329	\$ 2,980,824			\$ -
32	TRANSIT - 5339	65173291	3479	\$ 79,784			\$ -
33	TRANSIT - 5339	65173291	8839		\$ (361,491)		\$ 361,491
34	TRANSIT - 5311	65173291	3329	\$ (365,338)			\$ -
35	TRANSIT - 5311	65173291	8369		\$ (1,423,987)		\$ 1,423,987
36	TRANSIT - 5311	65173210	3329	\$ 40,000			\$ -
37	TRANSIT - 5311	65173210	8369		\$ 40,000		\$ (40,000)
38	TRANSIT - NSP	65173294	3319	\$ (42,880)			\$ -
39	TRANSIT - NSP	65173294	8369		\$ 265,251		\$ (265,251)

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40	AIRPORT - AIRFIELD MAINT	68173410	3479	\$ 20,000			\$ -
41	AIRPORT - TAXIWAY	68173432	3319	\$ 25,817			\$ -
42	AIRPORT - FUEL FARM	68173432	8369		\$ 214,894		\$ (214,894)
43	AIRPORT	68173432	3479	\$ 3,431,188			\$ -
44	AIRPORT	68173432	8369		\$ 1,341,630		\$ (1,341,630)
45	ENGINEERING- LGRF SBR	01171120	3445	\$ 224,151			\$ -
46	ENGINEERING - LGRF COOP	01171120	3441	\$ 175,598			\$ -
47	ENGINEERING - LGRF CAP	01171120	3442	\$ 59,432			\$ -
48	ENGINEERING - TAP FLEX	CP5042	8369		\$ (100,000)		\$ 100,000
49	CLERKS - NMSOS	01114010	3479	\$ 60,000			\$ -

Description: Mid-year Grant adjustments to align with Grants

Fiscal Impact: Revenue \$8,162,059 and Expenses \$188,436

Yvette Atencio 2/7/25
 Preparer Date

Melissa Dadzie
 Department Director Signature

Yvette Atencio
 Budget Manager/Analyst Signature

County Manager Approval if Required

Local and Small Business Engagement Working Group. Council members are Hermann, Reagor, Ryti; engaging with the business community, County staff, and other interested parties. We had an initial meeting of the three Councilors on February 5 and discussed what issues we wanted to address. One key issue was Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) for retail. We also discussed permitting, cost of rental space, and the lack of workforce and the housing needed for workers. We attended a zoom meeting with Cities Work that scheduled by the Local Business Coalition – Cities Work is Institute for Justice’s non-partisan regulatory consulting initiative committed to increasing economic opportunity and fostering entrepreneurship in cities across the country. We partner with cities to make it cheaper, faster, and simpler to start a small business—all free of charge. A memorandum of understanding could be the next step. Local Business Coalition is hosting their first forum on Thursday February 13 530p at SALA.

MainStreet Futures. Council members are Hermann, Reagor, Ryti. Other attendees include Jacquelyn Connolly, Alison Watkins, Patrick Moore, Jennifer Armstrong, Megan Bucklin, George Marsden, Juan Rael, Janice Krish, Donavan Price, Janet Lovato, Shanna Sasser, & Liz Martineau. We had our two monthly meetings so far this year. January 13 updates in several topics: conferences (NMMS, MSA), MRA for downtown LA east, event observations and planning. February 10 updates on NMMS winter institute, Coalition of MainStreet Communities (Jacquelyn Connelly elected President), MRA (possible application in White Rock), business accelerator, events, and subcommittee assignments.

Energy Communities Alliance (ECA). Ryti Treasurer, Executive Board, Board. Monthly Executive Board meetings, reviewing and approving invoices and expense reimbursements. Maintaining funds to cover regular expenses and discussing how to fund initiatives. There was a special call to discuss the early termination of the Federal grants to ECA, but the grants were not terminated. Main mission has been to secure funding for environmental cleanup and productive re-use across the DOE complex. More recent initiatives for nuclear energy and interim/permanent geological repositories for nuclear waste. To that end ECA develops white papers on relevant topics like “Ensuring Long-Term Success: Recommendations for the Next Administration on the U.S. Department of Energy’s Environmental Management Mission.” We had a preparation call for the Waste Management session on “Reusing US DOE Sites to Support Mission and Economic Opportunities,” at which Ryti will be a panelist.

National Association of Counties (NACo). Ryti has attended the annual meetings, Federal legislative conference and annual conference in 2023 and 2024. Will also be attending the Federal legislative conference next month in Washington DC. Been attending sessions on workforce, housing, mental/behavioral health, and resilient counties.

Environment, Energy & Land Use (EELU) Policy Steering Committee. Member since February 2023 and Vice Chair of Energy Subcommittee in 2024 and Chair of Energy Subcommittee in 2025. Successful interim policy statement in support of energy communities infrastructure funding, and changes to platform to clarify support for consent-based siting of nuclear waste. Co-sponsor of regulatory reform interim policy statement. EELU has monthly meetings with a different speaker each month. The policy steering committees meet in person before the Federal legislative conference and annual meeting with speakers in the morning and policy resolutions in the afternoon.

Resilient Counties Initiative. Member in 2025. Attending meetings to hear lessons learned on natural disasters and mitigation planning best practices from around the country.

New Mexico Counties (NMC) Board of Directors. Elected to represent Los Alamos County in 2025. Entire board meets roughly quarterly. We vote to support or oppose legislation prior to and during the State Legislature sessions. Other meetings presentations on topics of interest to NMC and approve recommendations on changes to NM State Law. There are also affiliate groups for County elected officials (Commissioners, Clerks, Assessors, Sheriffs, Treasurers) and some non-elected (Managers, Attorneys).

New Mexico Counties Insurance Authority (NMCIA). Appointed to represent Los Alamos County in 2023. One annual meeting for the full board annually. Los Alamos County gets its worker's compensation insurance through NMCIA. The NMCIA votes for members to the Executive Board at the annual meeting. The annual meeting approves the financial statements and gets a summary of relevant legislation.

New Mexico Municipal League Self-Insurers Fund Board of Trustees (NMML SIF BOT). Elected to Board in 2019. This Board meets roughly quarterly and reviews/adopts updates to policy, receives information on the SIF initiatives, approves financials and rate schedules. We get most of our insurance through the SIF. Los Alamos County was one of the founding members of the SIF.

Coalition of Sustainable Communities New Mexico (CSCNM) Executive Board. The Executive Board has been meeting annually and the CSCNM is in progress of re-structuring as an independent 501c3. It has been a project under the Santa Fe Community Foundation. CSCNM has workshops for members and reviews legislation that are relevant to sustainability initiatives in the state.

Technical Work Group (TWG). Monthly presentations and discussion on technical aspects of the environmental cleanup in Los Alamos. Hosted by N3B and EM-LA. Last meeting on February 5 had a presentation on the hexavalent chromium conceptual site model review by the Independent Technical Review expert panel members.