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Minutes: Nov. 13, 2015

Location: Bernalillo County Public Works Division, 2400 Broadway

Time: 8:40 a.m. – 11:12 a.m.

Board Members Present: Chair Steve Glass, Vice Chair Elizabeth Richards, Jennifer Thacher, Kerry Howe, and Caroline Scruggs (via teleconference).

Board Members Absent: Mike Bitner, John Derr, and Erik Webb.

PIC Members Present: Mark Kelly, Jane DeRose-Baman, Dan McGregor, Shellie Eaton, Ken Ziegler, Jake Daugherty, Bart Faris, Rick Heckes, Kathleen Verhage, Lori Petit, Jake Daugherty and Rick Shean.

Guests: Mariana Padilla (Congresswoman Lujan Grisham's Office), Paul Karas (CDM Smith), Ariel MacMillan (UNM), and David McCoy (Citizen Action New Mexico)

I. Call to Order

Chair Steve Glass called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m., and noted that there was not a quorum, so voting on the agenda and draft minutes would wait until enough members were present to vote.

II. Presentation: Superfund Sites and Sites Under Investigation in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County by the New Mexico Environment Department Superfund Oversight Section

Mr. Steve Jetter, acting manager of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Superfund Oversight Section (SOS), provided the board with an update on the "Superfund sites" in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County, including both active remediation sites and sites that the SOS are investigating for cleanup evaluation.

Mr. Jetter told the board that three sites in Albuquerque / Bernalillo County area are currently being remediated, which include the Fruit Avenue Plume site in downtown Albuquerque, the South Valley and ATSF-Albuquerque Superfund Sites in the South Valley area of Bernalillo County.

In addition, Mr. Jetter told the board that the SOS is investigating three additional sites in Albuquerque for possible inclusion as Superfund sites, including the West Central Avenue-Albuquerque Site, the Randolph Road and University Blvd. Site, and the USFS-CNM/Yale 1 Site. Mr. Jetter provided a summary of the contaminants of concern and currently known extent of contamination for each site.

III. Presentation: Laun-dry Supply Company Plume Update

Ms. Michelle Hunter, NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau Chief, provided the board with an update about the Laun-dry Supply Company site located in the Wells Park neighborhood of Albuquerque.

Ms. Hunter told the board that the Laun-Dry Site has been under regulatory enforcement by the NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau for several years. Contaminants of concern at the site include tetrachloroethylene or tetrachloroethene (PCE) and trichloroethene (TCE), with a TCE plume that has moved almost a mile and a half from the source. Ms. Hunter added that the source of the spill is located at a former loading dock used by Laun-Dry immediately adjacent to railroad tracks, with high levels of PCE and TCE in the soil in the immediate area.

Ms. Hunter added that NMED is also investigating another site in the area that is potentially contributing to the groundwater contamination, based on high levels of the same solvents in the soil.

Ms. Hunter told the board that Laun-Dry has offered to collect indoor air quality samples from residences above the groundwater plume. She added that this site is potentially eligible for Superfund oversight, if NMED chooses to begin the regulatory process through the SOS.

Ms. Hunter noted that NMED would be providing the affected neighborhoods updates on the progress of the Laun-Dry corrective action in presentations to the neighborhood associations.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Chair Glass noted that quorum had been met during the presentations and requested a motion approving the agenda as amended to allow for the presentations to proceed with the approval of the agenda and minutes.

Motion was made by member Vice Chair Richards and seconded by member Dr. Jennifer Thacher. Motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously.

V. Approval of Minutes

Chair Glass requested the members to review the draft minutes for the October meeting and a motion to approve the minutes. Members discussed corrections to the minutes and requested minor changes to the draft.

Motion was made by member Vice Chair Richards and seconded by member Dr. Thacher. Motion to approve the minutes as amended carried unanimously.

VI. Board Discussion on Presentations:

Members discussed the presentations and asked additional questions of the presenters. Members concluded that no current action needed to be taken, but would like to receive updates on the Superfund sites and the Laun-Dry Site in the future.

VII. Board Business

- Discussion of Potential State Legislation for 2016

Board members discussed the potential for water quality-related legislation to be introduced during the legislative session, and voted to endorse legislation pushing the Rio Grande Water Fund efforts.

- Discussion of DOE's Response to Water Authority Resolution R-15-7

Board members did not feel that it was necessary at this time to issue a statement on the Water Authority Resolution R-15-7, in which the U.S. Department of Energy and Sandia National Laboratories (DOE-SNL) were to respond to assertions made by Citizen Action New Mexico (CANM) about the contents of Mixed Waste Landfill. Board members had been presented with CANM's claims that the Mixed Waste Landfill contained high-level waste, versus low-level waste during meetings in the past, and that DOE-SNL had provided a response to CANM's assertions.

- Water Quality Protection Policy and Action Plan (WQPPAP) Activity Update

Mr. Rick Shean, Water Quality Hydrologist with the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority), provided the board with a three year update on the Water Quality Protection Policy and Action Plan (WQPPAP) activities being completed by the local member agencies of the WQPPAP Policy Implementation Committee.

Mr. Shean provided the board with background information on the WQPPAP and its implementation, and described three projects and programs handled by

the City and Water Authority. According to Mr. Shean, approximately \$560,000,000 has been spent on completed WQPPAP activities since 1998, including the construction of the San Juan Chama treatment plant.

- Discussion on Draft WPAB Work Plan for 2016

Members discussed a draft version of the WPAB Work Plan for 2016, which provided a potential topics for presentations, initiatives and updates for the board to discuss during 2016. Mr. Shean told members that the work plan incorporated the boards' priorities as they have been presented in the last few annual reports.

VIII. Other Board Business – none

IX. Public Comment Period

Mr. David McCoy, Executive Director of CANM, shared with the board additional documentation that he believes clearly demonstrates that high-level radioactive waste in the DOE-SNL Mixed Waste Landfill.

X. Adjournment -- Meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.