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October 15, 2021

Video conference¹ Location:

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Chair Steve Glass, Vice-Chair Roberto Roibal, Bart Faris, Camilla Feibelman, Darrell Kundargi and Joel Wooldridge

Board Members Absent (excused): Jose Cerrato, Caroline Scruggs, Alejandría Lyons

PIC Members Present: Diane Agnew (Water Authority), Shelby Stimson (Water Authority), Cassia Sanchez (Water Authority), and Ken Ziegler (City of Albuquerque), Dan McGregor (Bernalillo County), Kathy Verhage (City of Albuquerque)

Guests:

Mark Kelly, Mark Sanchez, Elizabeth Anderson and Brannon Lamar

I. Call to Order

Chair Steve Glass called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

II. **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Roibal motioned to approve the October 15, 2021 meeting agenda. Mr. Faris seconded the motion.

Unanimous vote to approve meeting agenda:

Chair Steve Glass: Yes

Vice-Chair Roberto Roibal: Yes

Camilla Feibelman: Yes

Jose Cerrato: Absent

¹ Meeting was held via video conference in keeping with COVID-19 safety protocols.

Alejandría Lyons: Absent

Bart Faris: Yes

Darrell Kundargi: Yes

Caroline Scruggs: Absent

Joel Wooldridge: Yes

III. Review and Approval of September 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Faris motioned to approve the September 10, 2021 meeting minutes. Vice Chair Roibal seconded the motion.

Unanimous vote to approve September 10, 2021 meeting minutes:

Chair Steve Glass: Yes

Vice-Chair Roberto Roibal: Yes

Camilla Feibelman: Yes

Jose Cerrato: Absent

Alejandría Lyons: Absent

Bart Faris: Yes

Darrell Kundargi: Yes

Caroline Scruggs: Absent

Joel Wooldridge: Yes

IV. Board Business

a. PIC Updates -

PIC Members from the City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA), and the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) provided updates of their agencies' activities to the board.

V. Review of draft letter regarding Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) Bulk Fuels Facility (BFF) Project

The original draft of this letter advocates for the KAFB BFF Technical Working Group (TWG) meetings, which have not occurred since 2019, to reconvene and continue regularly. In the time since this letter was discussed at the September WPAB meeting, the KAFB has scheduled a TWG meeting for October 21st, 2021. Mr. Faris recommended that the letter be edited to focus on encouraging the regular continuation of TWGs meetings to address stakeholder technical concerns. Ms. Agnew noted that the scheduled meeting's topic is groundwater monitoring and said the agenda does not include an opportunity for the TWG and KAFB to address other data gaps and concerns presented by the Water Authority. Chair Glass recommended the addition of a phrase to encourage the TWG to host a meeting to specifically address data concerns.

The WPAB discussed the history and procedures of the TWG meetings. Ms. Agnew explained that participants can vary for each meeting depending on the topic, and must be vetted and approved by KAFB beforehand. Ms. Agnew noted that in the TWG planning, it was agreed that the principal stakeholders would also participate in the vetting and approval process. Mr. Faris also suggested the inclusion of a phrase in the letter to indicate that WPAB recommends the inclusion of stakeholder representation in TWG meeting planning, so that the decision of who can attend and who cannot does not lie solely with KAFB.

Chair Glass noted some inconsistencies in acronyms and recommended correcting this for the final draft.

Mr. Faris asked for more information about the sentence in the letter that advocated for improved public engagement from KAFB. Ms. Agnew described a number of instances where public engagement efforts by KAFB have diminished in the last three years. Chair Glass recommended the addition of language to encourage KAFB to act in adherence to "the USAF 2019 Public Involvement Plan regarding the Site examination and cleanup."

Chari Glass recommended addressing the letter to Ryan Wortman (KAFB) and Chris Catechis (New Mexico Environment Department).

Mr. Faris, Ms. Agnew, and Mr. McGregor recommended that the following people be copied on the letter: Mark Sanchez (Executive Director, Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority); Commissioner Steven Quezada (Chair, Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority); Commissioner Charlene Pyskoty (District 5, Chair, Bernalillo County Commission); Councilor Cynthia Borrego (District 6, President, Albuquerque City Council).

Ms. Feibelman motioned to approve this letter, with these edits included, regarding the KAFB Bulk Fuels Facility Project and Technical Stakeholder Involvement. Mr. Faris seconded the motion.

Unanimous vote to approve the Chair's signature and the transmittal of this letter to the agreed upon recipients:

Chair Steve Glass: Yes

Vice-Chair Roberto Roibal: Yes

Camilla Feibelman: Yes

Jose Cerrato: Absent

Alejandría Lyons: Absent

Bart Faris: Yes

Darrell Kundargi: Yes

Caroline Scruggs: Absent

Joel Wooldridge: Yes

VI. Follow-up Discussion of draft DEI Toolkit

DEI Subcommittee: Camilla Feibelman

Ms. Feibelman reviewed the ground rules and main points from the discussion at the September 10, 2021 meeting. The draft Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Toolkit document, including a summary of notes taken during the Board's discussion of the toolkit during the October 15, 2021 meeting, can be viewed on the WPAB Information Portal.

The Board's discussion resulted in the following proposed actions regarding the incorporation of DEI efforts in WPAB's work going forward:

- Include DEI discussion in some capacity on every WPAB agenda for the next 6 months and then reevaluate the approach after that.
- Request in advance that all presentations to the WPAB include a consideration of a standard set of questions regarding the racial and social equity context for the issue at hand.
 - The Board will develop these questions in a future discussion.
- Expand public outreach efforts to increase public awareness of and participation in WPAB meetings, presentations etc.

 Continue outreach to public for the Laun-Dry ground water contamination site presentations at the November WPAB meeting.

This discussion will be continued at the November WPAB meeting.

VII. Other Board Business

No additional Board business at the October meeting.

VIII. Public Comment Period

No community members requested public comment at the October meeting.

IX. Adjourn

Chair Glass adjourned meeting at 10:56 am.