

**Valencia Association of Local Elected Officials (VALEO)
Los Lunas Transportation Center
101 Courthouse Road SE, Los Lunas, NM 87031
Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 6:00 pm**

MINUTES

WELCOME:

Los Lunas Village Administrator Gregory Martin called the meeting to order at approximately 6:05 pm and welcomed those in attendance. Attendees were invited to help themselves to the refreshments provided by the Village of Los Lunas.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Administrator Martin invited all present to introduce themselves and sign in. Attendees included:

Gregory Martin, Village Administrator, Village of Los Lunas
Erin Callahan, Deputy Village Administrator, Village of Los Lunas
Joseph Bizell, Commissioner, Valencia County
Troy Richardson, Commissioner, Valencia County
Gerard Saiz, Commissioner, Valencia County
Jhonathan Aragon, Deputy County Manager, Valencia County
David Pato, County Attorney, Valencia County
Marty Moore, City Manager, City of Rio Communities
Art Apodaca, Councilor, City of Rio Communities
Matthew Marquez, Councilor, City of Rio Communities
Tracy Armijo, Councilor, City of Belen
Erica DeSmet, Councilor, Village of Bosque Farms
Bianca Borg, Regional Planning Program Manager, MRCOG
Alice Main, Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Manager, City of Albuquerque
Ann Simon, Deputy Director of Policy and Sustainability Officer, City of Albuquerque
Tommy Sanchez, District Director, VRECC

REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES:

Los Lunas Administrator Gregory Martin referenced copies available of the last VALEO meeting on February 20, 2024, hosted by the Village of Bosque Farms.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **CABQ Office of Sustainability – Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, Alice Main, City of Albuquerque (CABQ)**

Alice Main introduced her colleague Ann Simon and then proceeded to give an overview of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, which covers the entire Albuquerque Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), including Valencia County. Alice addressed the following major

sections of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program, which is explained in more detail in the attached presentation:

- Working Mission
 - Working Vision
 - Project Scope
 - Draft Sectors
 - Addressing Risks/Leveraging Strengths
 - Anticipated Timeline
 - Value-added Deliverables
 - Discussion and Feedback
- **Mid-Region Council of Governments Water Resources Board (WRB), Bianca Borg, MRCOG Regional Planning Program Manager, Steve Glass, WRB Chair**

Bianca provided an overview of the purpose of the Water Resources Board (WRB), including the current bylaws, organization and membership, and efforts to develop a Regional Water Plan based on the Water Security Planning Act, which is explained in more detail in the attached presentation.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Arroyo Flood Control District, Jhonathan Aragon, Deputy County Manager, Valencia County**

Jhonathan stated that Valencia County has a history of experiencing flooding in arroyos. The County is exploring options for addressing these flooding events (preventing, mitigating, recovering, etc.). One idea is to establish an Arroyo Flood Control District in Valencia County. Valencia County Commissioner Troy Richardson explained that establishing a flood control district in Valencia County would let the voters decide IF to form a district, and WHO would serve on the district board. If a flood control district is approved by the voters, the County could impose up to a ½ mil tax levy on the entire county without a referendum, which could be spent throughout the entire county to fund activities of the district. Valencia County Commissioner Joseph Bizzell expressed that the establishment of a flood control district made sense because it would take liability for flooding away from the County and municipalities and put it on the flood control district. Valencia County Attorney David Pato explained that the method for proposing a flood control district would be done by petition, that a hearing would be held before a judge in July 2024, after which it would be put on the ballot for the November 2024 election.

FUTURE VALEO MEETING SCHEDULE:

- August 20, 2024, Hosted by Village of Los Lunas
- November 19, 2024, Hosted by City of Belen

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 pm.

Minutes prepared by Los Lunas Village Administrator Gregory Martin.