# NCLA Board Meeting – January 7, 2015

**7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. at Loveland Chamber of Commerce**

**NCLA Chair – Laurel LaBonde, NCLA Chair Elect (acting chair) Bill Becker**

## **AGENDA**

**2016 Regional Priorities:**

* Promote water development, especially Glade and Galeton Reservoirs as part of NISP, and the full potential of Halligan and Seaman Reservoirs
* Protect and support the growth of the traditional energy sector while encouraging the innovative energy sector
* Advocate for development of workforce talent
* Lead the initiative to secure funding to widen North I-25 and funding for regional highways including 85 and 287

**NCLA Policy Priorities include…**

**Transportation Funding:**

* Secure $1.2 billion to widen I-25 to three lanes each direction between US 14 and US 66
* Advocate for improvements to US 85 and US 287
* Protect SB 09-228 to retain dollars for transportation while continuing to pursue additional funds for transportation projects

**Water**

* Support increasing water storage capacity of Northern Colorado, in particular, the development of the Northern Integrated Supply Project and the expansion of Halligan and Seaman Reservoirs.

**Energy**

* Support and encourage economic growth in the innovative and traditional energy economy.

**Education**

* Support a strategy to create a stable funding model for education.

**Business Growth**

* Support elimination of business personal property tax
* Maintain the integrity of the workers compensation system for Colorado businesses
* Maintain the viability of enterprise zones as a job creation tool for Colorado
* Support efforts to find early stage capital for entrepreneurs in Northern Colorado
* Support the creation of affordable housing by supporting legislation to improve the methods for solving disputes between homeowners and contractors

1. **Call to Order & Establish Quorum**
2. **Consent Agenda:** 
   1. Approval of minutes from December board meeting
3. **Guest:** Reeves Brown, Build a Better Colorado
4. **Discussion: Transportation** 
   1. Media Strategy *(Sean Duffy & Michael Fortney)*
   2. Funding Options
5. **Reports**
   1. Financial Report – Allard & McCloughan
   2. Legislative – Solin
6. **Updates**
   1. Regional Agenda Working Teams
      1. Transportation & Fix North I25
      2. Workers
      3. Water
      4. Energy
   2. NCLA Committees
      1. Events
         1. January 27th – Breakfast at the Capitol
      2. Relationship
7. **Upcoming Meetings & Events** 
   1. January 14th - Executive Committee Meeting 7:30am & Legislative Update Call 8:30am
   2. January 21st - NCLA Board Meeting -Loveland Chamber 7:30am
   3. **January 27th – Breakfast at the Capitol**
   4. January 28th – Legislative Update Call 8:30am
   5. February 4th- NCLA Board Meeting -Loveland Chamber 7:30am
   6. February 11th - Executive Committee Meeting 7:30am & Legislative Update Call 8:30am
   7. February 18th - NCLA Board Meeting -Loveland Chamber 7:30am
   8. February 25th - Legislative Update Call 8:30am
8. **Announcements**
9. **Adjournment at 9:00am**