



# County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue  
Los Alamos, NM 87544

## Minutes

### Environmental Sustainability Board

*James Robinson, Chair; Heidi Rogers, Vice-Chair; Lisa Bakosi; Susan Barns; Dorothy Brown;  
Warren Mazanec; and Heather Ward; Members*

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Thursday, September 20, 2018

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Suite 110

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The Board Chair, James Robinson, Called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Present: Board Chair Robinson, Vice Chair Rogers, Member Bakosi, member Brown  
member Mazanec and Member Ward

Absent: Member Barns

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Chair Rogers, seconded by Member Mazanec, that  
the agenda be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[11209-18](#) Approval of the August 16, 2018, Environmental Sustainability Board  
Minutes

**Presenters:** James Robinson

**Attachments:** [Draft ESB Minutes August 16, 2018](#)

A motion was made by Member Ward, seconded by Member Brown, that the  
minutes be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### 5. BOARD BUSINESS

[11214-18](#) Recycle and Yard Trimming Roll Cart Survey

**Presenters:** James Robinson

The ESB received an update by Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule and Public Works Director Philo Shelton on the upcoming curbside recycling and trash survey to be conducted at a later date. The ESB also discussed the process of how to conduct the survey. The ESB requested a fact sheet be available for residents.

**11210-18** Los Alamos County Closed Landfill Update

**Presenters:** Angelica Gurule

**Attachments:** [B - Final Construction Plans for LAC GCCS Project](#)

The ESB received an update from Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule on the new methane extraction system recently installed at the Los Alamos County Closed Landfill. The system became active on July 13, 2018.

**11211-18** Environmental Services Float in the Los Alamos Homecoming Parade

**Presenters:** James Robinson

**Attachments:** [C - Parade Map](#)

The ESB received an update on the Environmental Services trucks that will be in the Homecoming Parade. Volunteers to walk with the trucks were requested.

**11212-18** October EcoChallenge

**Presenters:** James Robinson

The ESB received an update on the October 2018 Eco Challenge which will be sponsored by the Los Alamos County Green Team. The challenge takes place from October 3 to October 21, 2018.

**11213-18** Discuss Recycle Fashion and Craft Show

**Presenters:** Angelica Gurule

The ESB received an update on the Recycle Fashion and Craft Show that will be held on November 14, 2018, at Chamisa Elementary School. The Environmental Services is hosting the show in collaboration with Los Alamos Public Schools. Volunteers to help with the show were requested.

**6. REPORTS****A. Chair's Report - James Robinson**

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule, reported that she attended the Boards and Commissions Luncheon. The owner of the Black Hole donated artwork to Los Alamos County and a discussion was made about placing an art piece at the Los Alamos Eco Station. More information will be discussed at the next ESB meeting.

**B. Board Member Reports**

Member Rogers reported that she is taking a certificate course on climate change and health from the Yale School of Public Health.

Member Mazanec attended Bear Festival and talked with Los Alamos Eco Club who were collecting surveys and petition signatures. Member Mazanec reported that the Eco Club meets on Thursdays during their lunch period.

**C. Liaison's Reports**

1). **Board of Public Utilities - Sue Barns**

No report provided

2). **Planning and Zoning Commission - Vacant**

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule, volunteered to update the Board with relevant information from the Planning and Zoning Board.

3). **Transportation Board - Heather Ward/Don Machen**

Public Works Director, Philo Shelton, reported to the ESB that Atomic City Transit is purchasing two electric busses.

4). **Parks and Recreation Board - James Robinson/Heidi Rogers**

Board Chair, James Robinson, reported that items discussed at the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting included the Flow Trail plan and that options other than Bayo Canyon are being considered.

6). **County Council Liaison - Pete Sheehey**

County Council Liaison, Pete Sheehey, reported that there are currently eight options for the flow trail. Councilor Sheehey also recommended community education on recycling contamination and suggested "if in doubt throw it out" campaign to help reduce recycling costs.

**D. Subcommittee Reports**

1). **Los Alamos Public Schools Subcommittee - Angelica Gurule**

Member Bakosi reported that the Los Alamos Public Schools Team discussed that Susan Hettinga at Chamisa Elementary School started her own Eco Challenge team. They will start working on a recycle right campaign and they will start working to divert lunch trash to compost or recycle. The Walden School, a home school co-op, would like to receive a presentation on how to be environmental stewards.

2). **Zero Waste Los Alamos - Sue Barns**

Member Brown reported that during their last meeting the Zero Waste Team discussed outreach opportunities including articles in the LA Daily Post. October article will be about the Eco Challenge and November article will be about holiday ideas for zero waste. PEEC Nature Notes article. There is no update on Eco Club Plastic Bag Fee petition. KRSN invited Terra Hite and Sandra West for a radio interview to discuss zero waste. Zero waste kits may be given as prizes at upcoming events. The next meeting is scheduled for October 24th.

**7. STAFF REPORT**

**11216-18**

**Yard Trimming Roll Cart Program Update**

**Presenters:** Angelica Gurule

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule, reported that 624 more yard trimming roll-carts have been ordered and 75.45 tons of yard material was collected in August.

**11215-18** August 2018 Residential Sustainability Report

**Presenters:** Angelica Gurule

**Attachments:** [D - Residential Sustainability Report - August2018](#)

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule, reported that the residential diversion rate is up from 26% in July to 28% in August.

**8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Update on NMRC Conference
2. Invite Los Alamos High School Eco Club
3. Invite a representative from the Community Development Action Board
4. Member Rogers to give a presentation on climate change certification course

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Member Mazanec, seconded by Member Bakosi, that the meeting be adjourned.**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.**

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James Robinson, ESB Chair

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