



# County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue  
Los Alamos, NM 87544

## Minutes

### Environmental Sustainability Board

*John Bliss, Chair; Sarah M. Terrill, Susan Barns, Rebecca Chamberlin, Erik Loechell, James Robinson, and Danny Katzman, Members*

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Thursday, March 16, 2017

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Suite 110

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

The ESB Chair, John Bliss, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

The following members were in attendance:

Present: Member Terrill, Member Katzman, Member Barns, Member Loechell, and Member Robinson.

Absent: Member Chamberlin

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lisa Reader, 3217 Woodland, discussed the benefits of using an anaerobic digester for manure and recycling bailing twine for the Los Alamos Stables. She asked the County to supply a trailer and compactor.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Member Terrill, seconded by Member Loechell, that the March 16, 2017 agenda be approved as presented.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[9166-17](#)

Approval of the February 16, 2017, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Attachments: [A - Draft ESB Minutes February 16, 2017](#)

A motion was made by Member Loechell, seconded by Member Robinson, that the February 16, 2017 minutes be approved as amended.

Amendment:

Section 6, Committee/Subcommittee reports, Board of Public Utilities:

Sue Barns, ESB Member, reported that items covered were the quality conservation update and the draft FY18 Work Plan. Los Alamos County has plans for obtaining an additional half megawatt of electricity from solar power generation and discussed the Long Range Water Supply Plan.

#### 5. BOARD BUSINESS

**9180-17** Food Waste Collection Presentation

**Attachments:** [B - Food Waste Collection Presentation](#)  
[C - Example Compost Flier](#)

Erik Loechell, ESB Member, gave a presentation on food waste collection and composting.

**9221-17** Discuss Environmental Services Rate Increase and Rate Change

**Attachments:** [F - Save As You Throw Information](#)  
[G - FY17 Environmental Services Budget Performance](#)  
[H - Commercial Dumpster and Roll-Off Information](#)  
[I - Save As You Throw Rate Structure](#)

The Board discussed a possible Environmental Services rate increase.

**A motion was made by Member Terrill, seconded by Member Barns, that the Board recommend to Council a \$3 rate increase for Environmental Service fees in FY18.**

**The motion passed unanimously**

**9169-17** 2017 Earth Day Events

Angelica Gurule, Staff Liaison, informed the ESB of Earth Day events.

**9220-17** Follow Up for Famine to Feast Collection Containers

**Attachments:** [E - Quote for 18-Gallon Collection Containers](#)

Angelica Gurule, Staff Liaison, informed the board regarding Famine to Feast collection containers.

**6. COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS****A. Chair's Report**

No report provided

**B. Liaison's Reports****1). Board of Public Utilities**

Sue Barns, ESB Member, reported that items covered during the meeting included approval of FY17 budget revisions and the FY18 budget. There will be no electric rate increase in FY18, but there will be a rate restructuring. Gas rates will decrease 10% in FY18. Water and sewer rates will increase 8% in FY18. The budget includes funds for non-potable water projects including a pipeline for the Ski Hill. LANL is projecting installing a new gas turbine as well as increasing solar power generation. The Board approved the Long Range Water Supply Plan.

**2). Planning and Zoning Commission**

No report provided

3). **Transportation Board**

Not report provided

4). **Parks and Recreation Board**

Erik Loechell, ESB Member, reported that the Parks and Recreation Board discussed issues with the Los Alamos Stables such as horse stable waste, odor and environmental contamination due to effluent. He also noted they discussed bond projects.

5). **County Council Liaison**

Pete Sheehey discussed community feedback that he received on the Brush Collection program regarding the limitation of branch sizes in roll carts.

7. **STAFF REPORT**

9219-17 Los Alamos Public School Subcommittee Update

Angelica Gurule, Staff Liaison, informed the Board on the Los Alamos Public Schools Subcommittee meeting. Erik Loechell, ESB Member, also commented on information from the meeting.

9167-17 February 2017 Residential Sustainability Report

**Attachments:** [D - Residential Sustainability Report - February 2017](#)

Angelica Gurule, Staff Liaison, presented the February 2017 Residential Sustainability Report to the Board.

8. **PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS**

Roll Off bin construction and demolition recycling  
Business Recycler of the Year Award Planning  
3rd waste audit  
Discuss Sustainability Plan  
Continue researching Save as you throw

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Member Robinson, seconded by Member Loechell, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

  
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John Bliss, ESB Chair

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