



LOS ALAMOS

County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Minutes

Environmental Sustainability Board

Lisa Bakosi, Chair; Heather Ward, Vice-Chair; Susan Barns; Dorothy Brown; Amanda MacDonald; Warren Mazanec; and Heidi Rogers; Members

Thursday, February 21, 2019

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Suite 110

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The ESB Chair, Lisa Bakosi, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The following members were in attendance:

Present: Board Chair Bakosi, Member Barns, Member Brown, Member Mazanec, Member MacDonald, and Member Rogers

Absent: Vice-Chair Ward

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[11717-19](#)

Approval of the January 17, 2019, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

Attachments: [A - Draft ESB Minutes January 17, 2019](#)

A motion was made by Member Mazanec, seconded by Member Rogers, that the January 17, 2019 minutes be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

[11718-19](#)

Finalize and Approve FY20 ESB Work Plan

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

Attachments: [B - DRAFT FY20 ESB Work Plan](#)

The Environmental Sustainability Board reviewed and discussed the FY20 ESB Work

Plan and made adjustments as needed.

Member Brown commented.

A motion was made by Member Mazanec, seconded by Member Barns that the Environmental Sustainability Board approve the FY20 ESB Work Plan as amended.

The motion passed unanimously.

11719-19

Review and Discuss the Environmental Services FY19 Quarter 2 Financial Report

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

Attachments: [C - FY19 Budget Performance](#)

The Environmental Sustainability Board reviewed and discussed the Environmental Services financial report for FY19 quarter 2 (October 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018). The board asked staff to come back with a recommendation to balance commercial costs.

11720-19

Discussion of Tiered Rates for Residential Trash Collection

Presenters: Lisa Bakosi

Attachments: [F - TieredRates presentation to ESB.Feb2019.fin](#)

Member Barns presented on Tiered Rates for Residential Trash Collection.

A motion was made by Member Rogers, seconded by Member Mazanec that a subcommittee be created to create a tiered rate charged with looking at options for a tiered rate structure for trash and call it a Save as You Throw subcommittee.

The motion passed unanimously.

11721-19

Review and Discuss 2018 NMED Annual Report

Attachments: [E – 2018 NMED Annual Report for Eco Station](#)
[F - NMED Annual Report Cumulative Data](#)

The Environmental Sustainability Board reviewed and discussed the 2018 New Mexico Environmental Department Annual Report, which is due annually by February 14th. The report for the Eco Station was submitted to NMED in compliance with New Mexico Solid Waste Rules.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair's Report - Lisa Bakosi

Board Chair Bakosi welcomed new member, Amanda MacDonald, to the Environmental Sustainability Board. She explained that the ESB is a place where voices can be heard and do not be afraid to speak up.

Member MacDonald commented that she is happy and excited to be serving on the ESB

and looks forward to see progress in the goals that have been set by the ESB.

B. Board Member Reports

C. Liaison's Reports

1). Board of Public Utilities - Sue Barns

Member Barns reported that Harry Burgess talked about a week and a half ago, there was a meeting to restart efforts for the Camp May water line. The Utilities Department had pursued engineering, design and environmental analysis for the waterline through legislative appropriation received about three years ago. That work was concluded in June of 2018, with work to still be completed on the environmental analysis, which was not funded through that original contract.

As well as there would be a joint meeting next time with the County Council to continue on the development on the smart meter opt out plan.

Deputy Utility Manager of Finance and Administration Mr. Bob Westervelt presented the change in water rate and the proposed water rate adjustment is in accordance with the long-range sustainability plan for the water utility that has been under discussion for the past two years. This plan is a 6.25% increase in both retail and wholesale sales plus an increase from \$2.50 per 1000 gallons to \$2.66 per 1000 gallons for non-potable water sales.

Staff presented the proposed budget for FY2020. Mr. Westervelt presented an overall budget summary for the department and each division. The FY20 expenditure budget overall as presented is lower than the projection last year, due primarily to the postponement of construction of the White Rock Wastewater Treatment Plant until 2021, offset somewhat by the addition of budget authority for the Gas and Water portions of the AMI project, and additional projects scheduled in the water production budget.

2). Planning and Zoning Commission - Vacant

No report was provided.

3). Transportation Board - Heather Ward/Don Machen

No report was provided.

4). Parks and Recreation Board - Heidi Rogers

Member Rogers reported new applicants were appointed to their subcommittees.

The board members reviewed and discussed additions and changes to the FY2020 Draft Work Plan.

Brian Brogan presented the Staff Report.

There was discussion about making Pajarito Ski Hill a year round usage and integrating pest control. As well as talk about the weed ordinances that they hope to discuss at the next meeting.

5). County Council Liaison - Antonio Maggiore

County Council Liaison Antonio Maggiore talked to the ESB and expressed how happy he is that he will be serving a Council Liaison to this board.

D. Subcommittee Reports

1). Los Alamos Public Schools Subcommittee - Angelica Gurule

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule reported that Joshua Levings, Jody Benson, and Board Chair Bakosi have been visiting with the middle school Green Earth Club every Thursday for about 3-4 weeks and have made progress in creating a plan to help make the middle school greener. They started with the idea of adding more recycle bins in the cafeteria and creating posters to educate the students of what goes in the recycle bins and what does not. The Green Earth Club had a meeting with the middle school principal, Dr. Brian Easton, to talk about ways that they could help the environment there at the middle school. Discussion of creating a compost area at the middle as well as more recycle bins. The Chartwells contract is also up for renewal and they want to put in the contract that the products brought in from Chartwell be reusable and sustainable.

She also reported that she did a waste audit with the 3rd graders at Barranca Mesa Elementary School and reported that more than 50% of their waste was food waste. They are excited to learn more about food waste prevention.

The Los Alamos High School has found a sponsor for their Eco Club, Becca Jones.

2). Zero Waste Los Alamos - Sue Barns

Member Brown reported that Kristine Coblenz, Los Alamos Public School Healthy Schools Program Director, discussed possible ways to approach Zero Waste (ZW) education in the schools. The team would need to find a sustainable delivery mechanism within existing infrastructure that must meet many state curriculum requirements. Within existing infrastructure they need to explore including parts of ZW functions as part of employee contracts (e.g. custodians participate in collection). They need to continue our existing relationships with school groups. Discussed booths at outreach events. Other booths adjacent to ZW booth include Tiffany Pegoda with her food waste and vermicomposting business information, ESB booth, and possibly Elchin Tafarov with information on his composting structure.

7. STAFF REPORT**11722-19** January 2019 Residential Sustainability Report

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [G - Residential Sustainability Report - January 2019](#)

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule reviewed and discussed the January 2019 Residential Sustainability Report with the ESB members. The report now includes more data and graphs that demonstrate overall diversion as a result of the new yard trimming program which began on July 9, 2018. The report concluded that January's diversion rate is up 24%. In January by recycling and composting Los Alamos County reduced carbon dioxide emissions by ~407.28 tons. 10 trucks of recycle and yard trimmings were diverted from the landfill. 18 trucks of trash were transported to the Rio Rancho Landfill costing \$18,938 in transport and tipping fees.

11723-19 Planning for Environmental Sustainability Board Upcoming Events

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

The ESB discussed and planned for the upcoming events:
April 27, 2019 - Earth Day at PEEC Nature Center 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - The discussion of having a ESB booth separate from the Zero Waste Team booth. In their booth having information on the Save as You Throw (SAYT) program. With the Zero Waste booth

having information on food waste prevention and backyard composting. As well as having the Green Earth Club and Eco Club be present to help distribute information to people at the event.

May 11, 2019 - Clean Up Los Alamos Day 10 a.m. to 2p.m. - Businesses, Schools, and people in the community can participate and help clean Los Alamos. There will be an appreciation lunch at Ashley Pond.

May 24, 2019 - First Zero Waste Summer Concert Series.

June 8, 2019 - Chamber Fest - Announce winner for Business & School Recycler of the Year.

July 13, 2019 - Science Fest Discovery day - A booth has been reserved and discussion of what information will be distributed will happen when the event gets closer.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

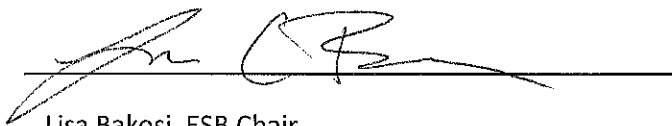
Save As You Throw Subcommittee

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Barns, seconded by Member Mazanec that the February 21, 2019 meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

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Lisa Bakosi, ESB Chair

