



# 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; John Bliss;  
Sarah Terrill; and Heather Ward; Members*

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Thursday, June 21, 2018

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Suite 110

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

The ESB Chair, James Robinson, called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. The following members were in attendance:

**Present:** Board Chair Robinson, Vice Chair Rogers (via teleconference), Member Bakosi, Member Barns, Member Terrill and Member Ward

**Absent:** Member Bliss

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[10923-18](#) Approval of the May 17, 2018, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

**Presenters:** James Robinson

**Attachments:** [A - Draft ESB Minutes May 17, 2018](#)

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

The motion passed unanimously.

#### 5. BOARD BUSINESS

[10926-18](#) Discuss the 2018 Recycler of the Year Awards

**Presenters:** James Robinson

**Attachments:** [E - 2018 Recycler of the Year - Press Release](#)

The ESB discussed lessons learned from the 2018 Recycler of the Year Awards. This

year's winners were Cortex & Co. Salon (Business/Non-Profit) and Chamisa Elementary (Educational Institute)

Winners were recognized at the following events:

June 8th: Los Alamos Chamber Business Awards Reception

June 9th: Chamber Fest

June 12th: Proclamation at County Council Meeting

### 10927-18

#### Repurposing Discarded Items Presentation

**Presenters:** James Robinson

The ESB received a presentation from Mark Devolder, about Repurposing Discarded Items. There is a broad spectrum of discarded items which can be used to either repair items or make items.

Philosophy:

People generate a variety of empty containers which are typically recycled. In an effort to move toward a sustainable environment, households could potentially become mini-manufacturing plants and use the containers for shipping out raw materials and finished products.

Repairs:

- 1) Repairing bicycle tires
- 2) Repairing plastic items with plastic fusion welds (automobile tail light repairs)
- 3) Reconditioning bolts
- 4) Recovering packing tape
- 5) Straightening nails
- 6) Tin can repairs (automobile repairs)

Making Repurposed Items:

- 1) Buttons from maple pallet wood
- 2) Cork scuff pads
- 3) Electrical items (brass lugs and graphite brushes)
- 4) Jewelry
- 5) Model rocket
- 6) Organizer tray (soda pop flat and aluminum half cans)
- 7) Paint brush
- 8) Plastic fusion welding to make plastic bags
- 9) Slip-top pasteboard boxes (pasteboard color wheel)
- 10) Tin can washers

### 10925-18

#### Recycle Coach Presentation

**Presenters:** Angelica Gurule

**Attachments:** [C - Recycle Coach- Recycling Education Solution Los Alamos County NM](#)

Tiffany Pegoda provided the ESB an overview of the presentation from Recycle Coach - Recycling Education Solution Los Alamos County NM - May 16 2018. Recycle Coach provides municipalities with tools to connect residents with local waste and recycling information.

## 6. REPORTS

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

Board Chair Robinson reported he will be speaking with the Voices of Los Alamos regarding the yard trimming roll cart program.

**B. Board Member Reports**

Member Bakosi shared the Denver University magazine which featured an article on Zero Waste sporting events.

Member Barns attended the B&C luncheon on May 24th, items discussed included: Tourism Task Force and LAC email addresses for board members.

**C. Liaison's Reports****1). Board of Public Utilities - Sue Barns**

Member Barns reported that items discussed at the BPU meeting included: public comment on rate system for solar energy regeneration, reappointment of Member McLin, water line in Los Alamos Canyon being flushed, BPU and County Council voted to exit the San Juan generating station in 2022, fee structure for commercial entities that use the back flow water valve and the quarterly conservation update.

**2). Planning and Zoning Commission - John Bliss/Sarah Terrill**

Member Terrill reported that items covered by the P & Z Commission included: hearing on vacant lot, demolition behind Smith's in White Rock, affordable housing on DP road, and clean-up of the property previously occupied by the black hole.

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

Don Machen reported that items covered by the Transportation Board included: installation of LED street lights and update on the 502 roundabout. Angelica Gurule, Staff Liaison reported that the construction on East Jemez Road is being done by LANL as part of the WIPP settlement.

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

No Report Provided

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

No Report Provided

**D. Subcommittee Reports**

No Report Provided

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

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule reported the Zero Waste Lunch RAID grant is complete and RAID grant contracts for yard trimming roll carts and water bottle filling stations have been received.

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

Member Barns reported that items discussed at the Zero Waste meeting included: Daily Post article July 9th on Zero Waste Los Alamos subcommittee, Zero Waste Wednesdays, zero waste ignite presentation and new Zero Waste webpage added to Environmental Services' website. Guests included: Kirsten Laskey, Jane Bias, Zoe Hemez and Jody Benson

**10928-18** Zero Waste Ignite - Presentation

**Presenters:** Heather Ward

**Attachments:** [D - ZeroWasteIgnite Presentation](#)

The ESB received a presentation from Member Ward -Zero Waste Ignite given to Los Alamos Makers Saturday, June 16th. Board Chair Robinson suggested that a voiceover be added to presentation then uploaded to website and Facebook.

## 7. STAFF REPORT

**10924-18** May 2018 Residential Sustainability Report

**Presenters:** Angelica Gurule

**Attachments:** [B – Residential Sustainability Report – May 2018](#)

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule reported that the residential diversion rate is down from 21% in April to 17% in May.

## 8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Plastic bag tax presentation - LAHS Eco Club
2. Skip the straw campaign
3. LANL in-vessel composting system "SERF" tour
4. Compost Update: Jack Richardson

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

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

**The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.**

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