



# County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue  
Los Alamos, NM 87544

## Minutes

### Environmental Sustainability Board

*John Bliss, Chair; Sarah M. Terrill, Susan Barns, Erik Loechell, James Robinson, Heidi Rogers, and Heather Ward, Members*

Thursday, September 21, 2017

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Suite 110

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

The ESB chair, John Bliss, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The following members were in attendance:

Present: Board Chair Bliss, Member Terrill, Member Barns, Member Loechell, Member Robinson, Member Rogers, and Member Ward

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg White of 600 San Ildefonso asked the board to look into an ordinance for commercial outdoor trash cans. He gave an example that McDonalds has outdoor trash cans without lids and attract birds.

Mike Ragsdale of White Rock commented on the article in the Daily Post regarding the proposed wildlife ordinance, specifically the storing the roll-cart inside of an enclosed structure.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Member Robinson, seconded by Member Terrill, that the agenda be amended to remove the Wildlife Ordinance Vote and to hear public comments and a presentation from NM Department of Game and Fish.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Terrill, seconded by Member Barns, that the August 17, 2017, minutes be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

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Approval of the August 17, 2017, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: John Bliss

Attachments: A - Draft ESB Minutes August 17, 2017

#### 5. BOARD BUSINESS

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## Construction and Demolition Recycling Presentation

Presenters: John Bliss

Attachments: B - El Paso C&D Recycling Presentation

Sean Gillespie, owner of Green Paso, provided a presentation on construction and demolition (C &D) recycling. Green Paso uses a dual picking system to separate construction waste into the following categories of recyclable materials: wood, shingles, gypsum, cardboard, metal, plastic, concrete and particle board. Mr. Gillespie stressed the importance of determining end markets prior to accepting new materials. Member Loechell asked if shingles can be used for permeable paving. Mr. Gillespie advised they can be used; however, not many communities are using permeable pavement right now because of design and engineering issues. Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule, asked what size screens were used for mulch, they are using 3/8" and 1/4" screen. Board Chair Bliss asked how the material is received from contractors and municipalities. Green Paso provides separate roll offs for each type of material to its contractors so they can separate the material on site.

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## Wildlife Ordinance Vote

Presenters: John Bliss

Attachments: E - Code Ordinance 02-279 Wildlife

Public comment was given by the following residents: Greg White of 600 San Ildefonso, Alice Skehan of 4607 Ridgeway, Sharon Tegtmeier of 520 Bryce, Beverly Bender of 2167 La Tierra, John Courtwright of 202 Loma De Escolar, John Sullivan of 322 Mimbres Brady Burke of 2310 39th, Brint Perera of 1154 45th, Anne Perkins of 2215 36th, Jeanne Butler of 522 Canyon, Lori Mitchell of 2557 36th, Julie Bennett of 4256 Urban and Jane Longmire of 3242 Walnut. Alvin Leaphat, County Attorney, suggested that a subcommittee be created to work with his department to rewrite the wildlife ordinance. Member Barns suggested the board research outreach efforts in other communities. Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule gave an update regarding the number of bear proof dumpsters and bear resistant hardware on roll carts throughout Los Alamos. Bob Osborn and Sean Murphey from Game and Fish were present to address questions and concerns from residents and board members.

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## Eco Challenge

Presenters: Susan Barns

Member Barns gave a presentation and handed out flyers to the board for the Eco Challenge. The Eco Challenge will run October 11-25, 2017. Participants are asked to sign up for sustainability challenges, track their progress daily and earn points for their team. Member Barns walked through the website and demonstrated how to get started. The Los Alamos EcoChallenge Team also created Facebook group that can be found out at facebook.com/groups/LAEcoChallenge/. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the challenge to teams that earned the most points as well as other categories to be identified at a later time.

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## Review the Environmental Sustainability Plan

Presenters: John Bliss

Attachments: C - Environmental Sustainability Plan 2017

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule, asked the board to review the Environmental Sustainability Plan on their own time, so that it can be discussed at a future meeting.

## 6. REPORTS

### A. Chair's Report - John Bliss

Board Chair Bliss was unable to attend the B&C luncheon. Member Terrill reported that items covered included staff liaison designation and how they are managed by the various boards.

### B. Liaison's Reports

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

Member Barns reported that items discussed at the Board of Public Utilities meeting included: in December the DPU will look at the power sales contract for the small modular reactor, DPU approved their mission and values statement. Timothy Glasco, Utilities Manager brought up ideas from DPU employees that include increasing the number of electric vehicle charging stations, solar panels at Municipal building parking lot and donating batteries for the solar panels at the Nature Center, converting buses to use natural gas and DPU will host a sustainability booth October 4th from 9am-12pm at the Municipal Building.

#### 2). Planning and Zoning Commission - James Robinson

No report provided

#### 3). Transportation Board

No report provided

#### 4). Parks and Recreation Board - Erik Loechell

Member Loechell reported that items discussed during the Parks and Recreation Board meeting included: expanding tennis courts and updating lights at the tennis courts at Urban Park, and the flow trail will not be going out for RFP due to cost.

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

No report provided

## 7. STAFF REPORT

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August 2017 Residential Sustainability Report

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: D - Residential Sustainability Report - August 2017

Angelica Gurule, Staff Liaison, reported that the residential diversion rate is down from

24% in July to 20% in August.

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## Environmental Services Update

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: H - Invitation to Green Team Event  
F - FY18 ESB Work Plan  
G - FY18 ESB Work Plan Schedule

Angelica Gurule, Staff Liaison, reported that: The Request for Proposals (RFP) for Solid Waste Transportation and Disposal Services closed September 20, 2017. The Invitation for Bid (IFB) for Landfill Gas Collection and Control System Construction Project was advertised on September 10, 2017, and closes on October 6, 2017. Volunteers are needed for the Recycle Audit and Green Team Event, sign-up sheets were passed around. ESB needs to develop a committee for the Recycle Fashion Show which is scheduled for Friday, November 3rd at Fuller Lodge. Angelica Gurule, Staff Liaison, asked the ESB to develop questions to ask other communities regarding SAVE AS YOU THROW and review the ESB Work Plan and Schedule before the next meeting.

## 8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Liaison Assignments
2. Solar System Technology at Eco Station
3. Environmental Sustainability Plan
4. Plan workshop to create sustainable gifts/artwork
5. Research additional glass recycling options

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

  
John Bliss, ESB Chair

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