



County of Los Alamos

Minutes

Environmental Sustainability Board

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

*James Robinson, Chair; Heidi Rogers, Vice-Chair; Lisa Bakosi; Susan Barns; John Bliss;
Sarah Terrill; and Heather Ward; Members*

Thursday, July 19, 2018

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent: Member Bliss and Member Bakosi

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

11013-18 Approval of the June 21, 2018, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: James Robinson

Attachments: [A - Draft ESB Minutes June 21, 2018](#)

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

The motion passed unanimously.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

11015-18 Recycle Coach

Presenters: Philo Shelton

Attachments: [C - Recycle Coach Comparison](#)

In April/May 2016, Los Alamos County Council granted \$48,000 budget authority to

Recycle Bank points program that is an incentive based marketing program to promote recycling and help to reduce waste generation."

Environmental Services started the necessary procurement process and had challenges upon the realization that this type of service would violate the Anti Donation Clause.

Early 2018, the ESB members requested more information regarding Recycle Coach, which is being utilized by neighboring communities including Santa Fe and Albuquerque. In June 2018, the ESB received a presentation about the many services that could be provided by Recycle Coach for one-tenth of the cost in comparison to Recycle Bank.

The services are primarily focused on education and outreach, provide alerts for trash, recycle and yard trimming collection dates, and other valuable features that would help improve overall customer service and experience. Also, there are no foreseen problems that would violate the Anti Donation Clause.

A motion was made by Member Rogers, seconded by Member Barns, that the ESB recommend to County Council to utilize Recycle Coach services and pay the additional \$100/year for text capability, instead of Recycle Bank services.

The motion passed unanimously.

11016-18

Yard Trimming Roll Cart Program Update

Presenters: James Robinson

The new yard trimming program began July 9th. To date, 2,500 households have received yard trimming roll carts and 17.04 tons were collected in the first week. The amount of yard trimmings collected diverted one truckload from Rio Rancho Landfill. There are additional requests for 700 more yard trimming roll carts, and staff has placed an order with the supplier for an additional 724 roll carts which will, unfortunately, have a two month lead time. Los Alamos County also received a RAID grant from NMED Solid Waste Bureau, in the amount of \$31,704 which will fund an additional 600-650 yard trimming roll carts depending on plastic resin rates.

Staff has fielded many calls and emails regarding the alternating collection for yard trimming and recycle collection. These contacts have resulted in requests to upgrade the size of recycling roll cart or provide additional recycle roll carts to residents given the every other week collection schedule. At this point, we have depleted all 96-gallon recycle roll carts and have one hundred 64-gallon roll carts left to distribute. Staff is in the process of ordering more 96-gallon recycle roll carts.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair's Report - James Robinson

Board Chair Robinson reported he spoke with the Voices of Los Alamos regarding the yard trimming program.

B. Board Member Reports

Board Chair Robinson and Vice Chair Rogers recognized outgoing Members Terrill and Bliss for their four years of service on the ESB.

C. Liaison's Reports

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

Member Barns reported that items discussed at the BPU meeting included: Electric vehicle show attended by 350 people, new enterprise software (MUNIS) launched July 1st, San Juan generating station is closing in 2022, Hydroelectric plant presentation, NNSA power pool agreement, proposed 8% sewer rate increase, presentation from NM Tech intern on charging stations for electric vehicles.

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

No report provided

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

No report provided. Meeting was canceled

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

Board Chair Robinson reported that the flow trail contract is moving forward.

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

No report provided

D. Subcommittee Reports

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

No report provided

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

Member Barns reported that items discussed at the Zero Waste meeting included: discussed feedback from the public, upcoming outreach events include: Gordon's Concert August 10th and Bear Fest August 25th, Sandra West will be presenting to Voices of Los Alamos July 23rd. The zero waste website is currently being populated with content and can be found by visit www.losalamosnm.us/gogreen. The first zero waste monthly article was published July 19th, the August article will be on the China Ban. The next zero waste subcommittee meeting will be August 15th, 9 a.m. at the Eco Station.

7. STAFF REPORT

11014-18

June 2018 Residential Sustainability Report

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

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

Public Works Director, Philo Shelton reported that the residential diversion rate is up from 17% in May to 21% in June.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Plastic bag tax presentation - LAHS Eco Club
2. LANL in-vessel composting system "SERF" tour
3. Compost update: Jack Richardson

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

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Chair James Robinson