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County of Los Alamos

Minutes

Board of Public Utilities

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Robert Gibson, Chair; Eric Stromberg, Vice-chair
Matt Heavner, Charles Nakhleh and Jennifer Hollingsworth, Members
Philo Shelton, Ex Officio Member
Anne Laurent, Ex Officio Member
Suzie Havemann, Council Liaison

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

5:30 PM

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

Public Participation: in person or <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85828927209>

1. CALL TO ORDER

This regular meeting of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos Board of Public Utilities was held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 5:32 p.m. Members of the public were notified of the ability to participate and provide public comment in-person.

The following board members were in attendance:

Present - 6: Members Gibson, Nakhleh, Heavner, Hollingsworth, Shelton, and Laurent

Remote - 0:

Absent - 1: Member Stromberg

Others in attendance in Chambers:

Ms. Kathy Darwin,

Mr. Thomas Wyman, Assistant County Attorney

Mr. Stephen Marez, Deputy Utility Manager - Electric Distribution

Ms. Joann Gentry, Deputy Utility Manager - Finance & Administration

Mr. Ben Olbrich, Deputy Utility Manager - Power Supply

Ms. Cathy D'Anna, Public Relations Manager

Mr. Dennis Astley, Electrical Engineering Manager

Ms. Kathy Casados, Executive Assistant

Mr. Perry Rutherford, Information Management

Zoom participants:

Mr. Clay Moseley, Deputy Utilities Manager - GWS Services

Ms. Abbey Hayward, Water & Energy Conservation Coordinator

Ms. Shannon Blair, ESB Liaison

Ms. Angelica Gurule, Sustainability Manager

Mr. Mark Friese, Citizen

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for public comment on the Consent Agenda or those not otherwise included on the agenda. There was none.

No action was taken on this item.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Gibson called for discussion or a motion.

Member Heavner moved and Member Nakhleh seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.

The motion passed by the following vote:

YES - 4: Members Hollingsworth, Heavner, Nakhleh, and Gibson

NO - 0:

ABSENT - 1: Member Stromberg

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Gibson called for discussion or a motion.

Member Nakhleh moved and Member Hollingsworth seconded that the Board of Public Utilities approve the items on the Consent Agenda as revised and that the motions in the staff reports be included in the minutes for the record.

The motion passed by the following vote:

YES - 4: Members Hollingsworth, Heavner, Nakhleh, and Gibson

NO - 0:

ABSENT - 1: Member Stromberg

- 4.a. [20066-25](#) Approval of Board of Public Utilities Meeting Minutes - July 16, 2025

I move that the Board of Public Utilities approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on July 16, 2025 as presented.

- 4.b. [20530-25](#) Award Utilities Portion of IFB26-18 - Denver Steels Phase II Improvements Project to TLC Plumbing and Utility, in the amount of \$1,760,773.00 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, and Approval of Budget Revision 2026-06

I move that the Board of Public Utilities recommend the Award Utilities Portion of IFB26-18 Denver Steels Phase II Improvements Project to TLC Plumbing and Utility in the Amount of \$1,760,773.00 and a contingency in the amount of \$176,077.00 for a Total Project Amount of \$1,936,850.00, plus NMGRT, and forward to the County Council for approval, I further move that the Board approve Budget Revision 2026-06 and forward to the County Council for Approval and the Budget Revision be included in the minutes for the record.

- 4.c. [AGR1138-25a](#) Approval of Amendment No. 1, Novation of Contract, to General Services Agreement No. AGR22-26 with Pumptech Holdings, LLC, dba Alpha Southwest, an Impel Company

I move that the Board recommend approval of Amendment No. 1, Novation of Contract, to General Services Agreement No. AGR22-26 with Pumptech Holdings, LLC, dba Alpha Southwest, an Impel Company and forward to Council for approval.

5. STRATEGIC PLANNING

20409-25

Annual Strategic Planning for the Department of Public Utilities

Mr. Shelton introduced Ms. Kathy Darwin, Business Evolutions. She facilitated the DPU strategic planning sessions for the last few years.

Ms. Darwin led the workshop which included reviewing DPU's Mission, Vision, Values, and current FY2025 Strategic Plan. Through this exercise board members were able to provide suggestions to staff for finalizing the revised Mission, Vision and Values and direction for preparing the FY2027 Strategic Plan for BPU's final review at the September 3, 2025 work session. Approval is scheduled for the September 17, 2025 regular meeting. During the discussion, the following individuals spoke:

1. Member Gibson
2. Mr. Shelton
3. Member Hollingsworth
4. Member Nakhleh
5. Mr. Marez
6. Mr. Alarid
7. Ms. Gentry
8. Mr. Moseley
9. Ms. Casados
10. Ms D'Anna
11. Member Heavner
12. Mr. Astley
13. Mr. Wyman

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

No action was taken on this item.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

6.a. OR1074-25a

Recommendation Regarding Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 745; An Ordinance Authorizing the Incorporated County of Los Alamos to Enter into a Loan Agreement with the New Mexico Environment Department for the Purpose of Obtaining Project Loan Funds in the Principal Amount of \$1,750,000 Plus 1% Accrued Interest and Loan Subsidy Grant Funds in the Amount of \$250,000 for Upgrades to the Los Alamos Wastewater Treatment Plant

Chair Gibson asked board members to refer to the handout for the revised title and motion for Ordinance No. 745 and the three Resolutions that follow under Public Hearings. Mr. James Alarid, Deputy Utility Manager-Engineering presented.

There were no questions from the board, no public comment and no further discussion from board.

Member Nakhleh moved and Member Hollingsworth seconded that the Board of Public Utilities Recommend to the Council, the Approval of Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 745; An Ordinance Authorizing the Incorporated County of Los Alamos to Enter Into a Loan Agreement with the New Mexico Environment Department for the Purpose of Obtaining Project Loan Funds in the Principal Amount of \$1,750,000 Plus 1% Accrued Interest and Loan Subsidy Grant Funds in the Amount of \$250,000 for Upgrades to the Los Alamos Wastewater Treatment Plant and Forward to Council for Introduction and Adoption. The motion passed by the following vote.

YES - 4: Members Hollingsworth, Heavner, Nakhleh, and Gibson

NO - 0:

ABSENT - 1: Member Stromberg

6.b. [RE0656-25a](#)

Recommendation Regarding Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 25 -19; A Resolution Authorizing the Assignment of Official Representatives and Signatory Authorities to Execute Documents on Behalf of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos for New Mexico Environment Department Rural Infrastructure Program, Loan Agreement RIP-00073, for Funding Wastewater System Improvements

Mr. James Alarid, Deputy Utility Manager - Engineering presented. There were no questions from the board, no public comment and no further discussion from board.

Member Hollingsworth moved and Member Nakhleh seconded that the Board of Public Utilities Recommend to the Council, the Approval of Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 25 -19; A Resolution Authorizing the Assignment of Official Representatives and Signatory Authorities to Execute Documents on Behalf of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos for New Mexico Environment Department Rural Infrastructure Program, Loan Agreement RIP-00073, for Funding Wastewater System Improvements and forward for Council with a recommendation for approval.

The motion passed by the following vote:

YES - 4: Members Hollingsworth, Heavner, Nakhleh, and Gibson

NO - 0:

ABSENT - 1: Member Stromberg

6.c. [RE0654-25a](#)

Recommendation Regarding Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 25-20; A Resolution Authorizing the County Council Chair or Los Alamos County Utilities Manager to Approve Submission of Completed Applications and Necessary Documents for 2026 Applications to the Water Trust Board for Funding Water System Projects

Mr. James Alarid, Deputy Utility Manager - Engineering presented. Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for comments and questions from the board. The following individuals spoke:

1. Mr. Clay Moseley
2. Member Heavner
3. Member Gibson

There was no public comment or further discussion from the board.

Member Heavner moved and Member Hollingsworth seconded that the Board of Public Utilities Recommend to the Council, the Approval of Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 25-20, a Resolution Authorizing the County Council Chair or Los Alamos County Utilities Manager to Approve Submission of Completed Applications and Necessary Documents for 2026 Applications to the Water Trust Board for Funding Water System and forward to Council for approval. The motion passed by the following vote:

YES - 4: Members Hollingsworth, Heavner, Nakhleh, and Gibson

NO - 0:

ABSENT - 1: Member Stromberg

6.d. [RE0642-25a](#)

Recommendation Regarding Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 25-22. A Resolution Removing Uncollectible Utility Accounts from the Incorporated County of Los Alamos Accounts Receivables List for - Fiscal Year 2021

Ms. Joann Gentry, Deputy Utility Manager - Finance & Administration presented. Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for comments and questions from the board. The following individuals spoke:

1. Member Gibson

There was no public comment and no further discussion from board.

Member Nakhleh moved and Member Heavner seconded that the Board of Public Utilities Recommend to the Council, the Approval of Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 25-22; A Resolution Removing Uncollectible Utility Accounts from the Incorporated County of Los Alamos Accounts Receivables List for Fiscal Year 2021 and forward to the Council with a recommendation for approval.

The motion passed by the following vote:

YES - 4: Members Hollingsworth, Heavner, Nakhleh, and Gibson

NO - 0:

ABSENT - 1: Member Stromberg

7. DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

7.a. [AGR1141-25a](#)

Approval of Services Agreement No. AGR26-817 with Rep'd in the Amount Not to Exceed \$552,000, plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, for the Purpose of Providing a Civic Engagement Software Platform that Powers the Digital Conversation Between Government Agencies and their Citizens for the Term of Fifteen Years

Ms. Cathy D'Anna, Public Relations Manager provided a summary and introduced Mark Friese, Chief Operating Officer and co-founder with Rep'd, who presented via Zoon. A copy of the Rep'd presentation slides were included in the meeting packet.

Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for comments and questions from the board. The following individuals spoke:

1. Member Hollingsworth
2. Ms. D'Anna
3. Mr. Shelton

4. Member Nakhleh
5. Member Gibson
6. Mr. Wyman

There was no public comment on this agenda item. Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for further board discussion. The following individuals spoke:

- 1.. Member Nakhleh
2. Member Heavner
3. Member Hollingsworth
4. Ms. D'Anna
5. Member Gibson
6. Mr. Wyman

Member Heavner moved and Member Nakhleh seconded that the Board of Public Utilities approve Services Agreement No. AGR 26-817 with Barry Slater, Inc., dba Rep'd, in the amount of \$480,000 and a contingency in the amount of \$72,000, for a total of \$552,000, plus applicable gross receipts tax, for a fully hosted software solution to enhance communications through a civic engagement platform featuring simple built-in video recording tools that powers the digital conversation between Los Alamos County and its citizens, and forward to Council for approval.

The motion passed by the following vote:

YES - 3: Members Hollingsworth, Heavner, and Nakhleh

NO - 1: Member Gibson

ABSENT - 1: Member Stromberg

8. BOARD BUSINESS

8.a. Chair's Report

Chair Gibson did not have anything to report.

No action was taken on this item.

8.b. Board Member's Reports

Member Heavner reported that:

1. He is a member of the County Audit Committee. He was unable to attend the July 29th meeting, but was able to provide input.
2. He helped at the BPU table at Farmers Market on July 24.
2. He and Member Hollingsworth participated in the August 8 Water Systems Tour and they highly recommend it to all board members and citizens.

Member Hollingsworth reported that:

1. She seconded Member Heavner's thoughts on the Water Systems Tour.
2. She helped at the BPU table at Farmers Market on May 22 and she enjoyed talking with citizens.

No action was taken on this item.

8.c. Utilities Manager's Report

Mr. Shelton reviewed his written report and a copy is **attached** to the minutes. Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for comments and questions from the board. The

following individuals spoke:

1. Member Heavner
2. Member Nakhleh
3. Member Gibson
4. Ms. Gentry - provided an update on Munis upgrade on Sept 8 & 9
5. Ms. Laurent

Ms. Gentry also made an announcement that the Munis System will be offline on September 8 & 9 which will affect Customer Billing and the online payment portals. However, the Customer Care windows will remain open and representatives will process in-person payments.

There were no questions or comments from the board.

No action was taken on this item.

8.d. County Manager's Report

Ms. Laurent reported that Vice Chair Havemann was unexpectedly unable to attend this meeting. She provided an update on Council meetings for July 29, August 5, and August 19, 2025. She specifically mentioned that Mr. Marez and Mr. Astley presented the Final Electrification Study to County Council at the August 19 work session. Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for comments or questions from the Board. The following individuals spoke:

1. Member Hollingsworth
2. Member Gibson

No action was taken on this item.

8.e. Council Liaison's Report

Vice Chair Havemann was absent.

No action was taken on this item.

8.f. Environmental Sustainability Board Liaison's Report

Ms. Shannon Blair attended the first part of the meeting over Zoom. However she had to log off for another commitment. Her written report is **attached** to the minutes.

No action was taken on this item.

8.g. General Board Business

8.g.1. 20052-25b Approval of the Board of Public Utilities Procedural Rules

Mr. Thomas Wyman, Assistant County Attorney reviewed the proposed revisions to the Procedural Rules. Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for comments and questions from the board. The following individuals spoke:

1. Member Nakhleh
2. Member Gibson

Chair Gibson asked Mr. Wyman if he was comfortable with making the revisions suggested at this meeting so that the board could take action at this meeting; he agreed. Ms. Casados commented that she would distribute the Annual Reaffirmation of the Procedural Rules for board signature through DocuSign. This is Appendix A of the

Procedural Rules and was included as Attachment C in the meeting packet. Chair Gibson then called for further discussion or a motion.

Member Heavner moved and Member Nakhleh seconded that the Board of Public Utilities approve the changes to the Procedural Rules as outlined in Attachment B and the additional revisions discussed at this meeting. The motion passed by the following vote:

YES - 4: Members Hollingsworth, Heavner, Nakhleh, and Gibson

NO - 0:

ABSENT - 1: Member Stromberg

8.h. Board Expenses

Member Heavner requested approval from the Board to attend the Mountain Towns 2030 Climate Summit. The Summit will take place in Breckenridge, CO from October 6-8, 2025. According to their website, Mountain Towns 2030 is "... a movement of mountain, rural and ski resort communities working together to accelerate and scale systemic climate action." and "The Mountain Towns 2030 Climate Summit is the premier annual gathering of leaders from mountain, resort and rural communities, working together to achieve carbon neutrality." A handout was distributed at the meeting that included the agenda and cost estimate for Member Heavner to attend the Summit. A copy is attached to the minutes for the record.

Member Nakhleh moved and Member Hollingsworth seconded that the Board of Public Utilities approve travel expenses not to exceed \$3,300.00 for Member Heavner to participate in the Mountain Towns 2030 Climate Summit in Breckenridge, CO from October 6-8, 2025.

The motion passed by the following vote:

YES - 3: Members Hollingsworth, Nakhleh, and Gibson

NO - 0:

ABSTAIN - 1: Member Heavner

ABSENT - 1: Member Stromberg

9. STATUS REPORTS

20067-25

Status Reports - August 2025

Chair Gibson asked the board if there were any comments or questions on the status reports. There were none.

No action was taken on this item.

10. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

10.a. **20068-25**

Tickler File: August - November 2025

Chair Gibson asked if there were any comments or questions on the tickler; there were none.

No action was taken on this item.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for public comment on any item; there was none.

No action was taken on this item.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

APPROVAL

Board of Public Utilities Chair

Date Approved by the Board

Minutes transcribed by: Kathy Casados, Executive Assistant

ATTACHMENTS

(in agenda order):

8.c. Utilities Manager's Report 8/20/25

8.f. ESB Liaison's Report

8.h. Board Expenses (Travel for Member Heavner)

Utilities Manager's Report
August 20, 2025

1. For the replacement transformer at the White Rock sub-station, DPU has been working on several fronts. First is setting up a temporary tie to LANL at Monte Rey South and SR-4. Staff have worked through a design with LANL, and we will receive LANL work estimate by the end of this week to begin installing this temporary tie next week. The voltage regulators required for the tie can be reused once a replacement transformer is in operation. Procurement has opened a quick bid process due by the end of this week to receive quotes on a replacement transformer. The selection of the replacement transformer will be flexible to best fit schedule, potential to upsize to meet future growth and considering both reconditioned and new transformer options. DPU hopes to be reviewing these proposals next Monday. Finally, DPU is requesting a mutual aid type agreement with PNM to use their mobile transformer if necessary.
2. For Elk Ridge, the first segment of the new gas line has been connected to LANL and today the line is being pressure tested. Over the next couple of weeks some of the trailers will be tied over to the new line. The project is proceeding as planned with completion projected in October.
3. The Deputy Utility Manager for Electric Distribution is currently advertised, and it closes on August 22nd. Over the next two weeks staff will interview the Business Operations Manager and Engineering Aide. The Engineering Associate vacancy over the last seven months has not resulted in finding a qualified applicant. I have closed this recruitment and opened a new one that has been upgraded to an Engineering Project Manager. This upgraded position is consistent with the Distribution System Electrification Plan recommendation and it will require a P.E. in electrical engineering. We have filled 1 billing and service specialist and are looking to fill the last vacancy.
4. NNSA Albuquerque procurement office still has a target date of August 25th to deliver the final form of the ECA with all the terms and conditions. On a positive note, LANL receive their FONSI for the third power line. This means that LANL can now move from a 30% design to 100% design over the next year and hopefully by fall of next year the project will be under construction.
5. LA Inc completed the North Road Lift Station in May. Since then, they have not made much progress on the Los Arboles lift station (approximately 10% in 4 months). DPU issued termination notice on Friday. Purchasing Division has authorized us to proceed as an emergency due to poor condition of existing lift station. We are working with Allied 360 to establish task order to complete the open project. The goal is to bring the Task Order to BPU next month. Substantial completion would have been next week for LA Inc. We will be notifying their bond company later this week.

6. Foxtail Flats has received the FONSI for the project. DESRI is now working on a detailed construction schedule and time for delivery of this energy.
7. The proposed award for the Jemez Fire Protection Project has cleared the headquarters review and is still awaiting Secretary Noem's approval. The first phase of the water pipeline and tank are due to be completed by the end of September.
8. I attended the UAMPS Annual Members Conference, and I received a five-year service award as a UAMPS board member. The conference covered several topics regarding vegetative management, fire insurance issues and planning, EDAM, CAISO, transmission availability, and two guest speakers on management topics. The two geothermal projects are still working through the transmission studies. Therefore, the Cove Fort II PPA is not yet ready for review. The CFPP will close on September 30th and then there will be some final billing and reimbursement with the DOE cooperative agreement to finalize.
9. The Pathway to Zero Natural Gas project survey is open until September 8th. Once the survey is closed and data analyzed, I should be able to share some preliminary results.
10. Met again with the General Manager of Jemez Mountain Electric Coop and we shared the four-page amendment LAC did with NORA a few years back to use as a template when Jemez develops some new wheeling rates. They are in need to repair and replace poles along a 20-mile corridor that we share. Once they complete their capital planning they will be back in touch with DPU on finalizing an amendment.
11. Reviewed the proposals for the County's federal lobbyist. It is anticipated Council will approve the selected firm in September.
12. The US Forest Service program manager managing the County's land acquisition request took the retirement package from DOGE and the new manager has not been able to meet with us given the summer fires. The Forest Service next steps are to set up meetings with the Pueblos and organize a public meeting regarding the land transfers. Given these extended delays, we will need to develop a gap contract with our environmental consultant once we can gain more information from the Forest Service on the remaining tasks to complete the transaction.
13. Attended the SJGS Decommissioning and Mine Reclamation meetings. The SJGS completed the last implosion, and most of the remaining work is to haul away the scrap steel. Given the volume of scrap, it is anticipated the removal will run into February of next year. The last item is the groundwater pump and treat of the Shumway waters. There are some additional monitoring wells being installed to determine the background metal levels and compare these results with the influent waters to determine if this element of the project can be closed out sooner. For the mine reclamation project, there were some work elements shifted around to reclaim with an eye to close out the project by 2030 and then there will be

vegetative monitoring afterwards for several years. Both projects are running close to our budget and there should be sufficient reserves to cover all remaining work.

From: [Shannon Blair](#)
To: [Casados, Kathy](#)
Subject: Re: Board of Public Utilities - Regular Meeting 8/20/2025
Date: Sunday, August 17, 2025 3:37:32 PM
Attachments:

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hi Kathy,

I wanted to let you know that I won't be able to attend in person and I might not be able to stay the entire time so I wanted to provide my update for ESB ahead of time.

At our last meeting we had a really interesting presentation by Heidi Rogers on a topic called Planetary Health which is basically the intersection between climate change and everything else including health and wellness. Our next meeting is August 21 and we will have a presentation from Angelica on becoming an energy coach and will begin drafting our annual update to council.

If anyone has any questions, they can reach out directly to me.

Thanks!

Shannon

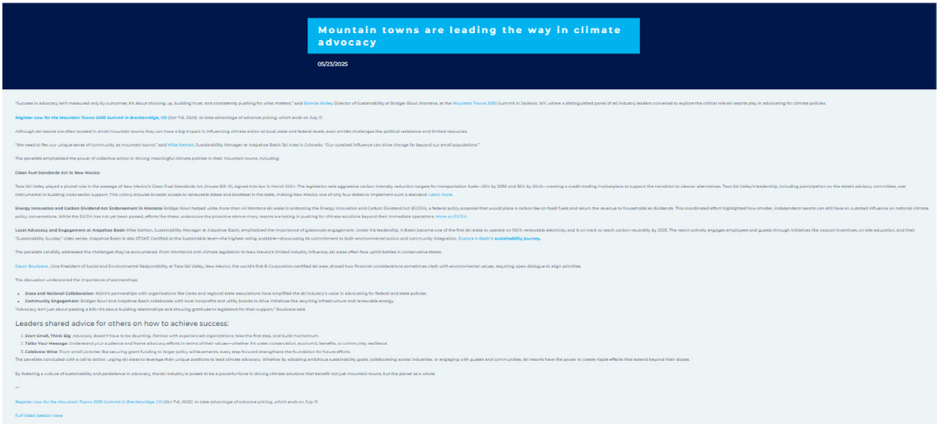


BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES




ADDITIONAL MEETING DOCUMENTS


Additional or revised information or documents are often distributed to members at the meetings.
Whenever possible, this informational cover page will accompany those documents.

MEETING DATE	August 20, 2025
AGENDA ITEM	8.h. Board Expenses (Travel for Member Heavner)
ATTACHMENTS	A. Agenda for Mountain Towns 2030 Climate Summit B. DPU Pre-Approval Travel Form for Member Heavner C. Travel Estimates
NEW OR REVISED? Is this a revision that is different from what was in the agenda packet, or is it something entirely new?	NEW
RECOMMENDED ACTION If you have a new or revised recommended motion for the Board, enter it here.	<i>I move that the Board of Public Utilities approve travel expenses not to exceed \$3,300.00 for Member Heavner to participate in the Mountain Towns 2030 Climate Summit in Breckenridge, CO from October 6-8, 2025.</i>
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Please VERY BRIEFLY explain the purpose of this information or document.	Member Heavner has previously submitted an IRS W-9 form for travel reimbursements. He has also received a copy of the LAC Travel Policy. Travel cost estimates were researched and prepared by K. Casados, Executive Assistant.







The Mountain Towns 2030 Climate Summit is the premier annual gathering of leaders from mountain, resort and rural communities, working together to achieve carbon neutrality.

Monday, October 6, 2025	
2:00pm Arapahoe Basin Ski Resort	Ski Area Sustainability Event Hosted by the National Ski Areas Assn. and Ski Area Management (SAM) magazine.
Hosted by:   	Once again this year, the Summit will feature a special arrival day opportunity hosted by the National Ski Areas Association and Ski Area Management Magazine for ski area attendees only on the afternoon of Monday, October 6th before the Summit officially begins. Join your peers at Arapahoe Basin Ski Area for a sustainability panel discussion followed by a Happy Hour. This event is a great opportunity to connect with other ski area colleagues and learn from your peers before the Summit. This event is for ski area leaders only. It is free and space is limited. Click Here To Register.
5:00pm Hotel Alpenrock	Early Arrivals Reception Arriving early? Join us at the Hotel Alpenrock's Carter Lobby Bar to see old friends and catch up with colleagues. Save time, check in for the Summit here too.
Tuesday October 7, 2025	
7:30 am The Riverwalk Center 	Summit Check In and Breakfast Arrive early at the Riverwalk Center (a short walk/bike from the Hotel Alpenrock) for check in and breakfast before the 2025 Summit begins.
9:00 am Riverwalk Center	Opening Remarks Welcome to Breckenridge – Mayor Kelli Owens Summit Emcee: Rollee Williams, host Climate Town
9:15 am Riverwalk Center Presented by: 	How Young People Are Leading the Climate Fight: Montana's Youth Climate Activists: Kicking off this years' Summit are the youth climate activists from Livingston, Montana, an unlikely incubator for climate action. With a population of about 9,000, Livingston is situated in a fossil fuel-driven, Republican-led state where leaders are actively working to hinder efforts to combat climate change. But students at the local Park High School have been leaders in the fight for change, and their impact has stretched far beyond their hometown. A participant in a student climate club was one of the 16 plaintiffs who sued the state of Montana in 2020 alleging that, through its fossil fuel-centric policies, the state was violating their constitutionally enshrined right to "a clean and healthful environment." Following a victory that was upheld by the Montana Supreme Court, current and former members of the club joined another lawsuit in May, arguing that the President's executive orders on climate and the environment infringe on young people's fundamental rights. Hear from these young climate activists in a conversation with High Country News, a reader-powered nonprofit serving communities across the Western U.S.
11:15 am Riverwalk Center	No Miracles Needed: How To Transition Communities, States and Countries to 100% Clean, Renewable Energy For Everything Global warming, air pollution, and energy insecurity are three of the most significant problems facing the world today. This talk discusses the development of technical and economic roadmaps to solve these problems in on-grid and off-grid communities, the fifty United States, and countries worldwide. The solution is to electrify buildings, transport, and industry and provide the electricity with 100% clean, renewable wind, water, and sunlight (WWS) and storage. Results indicate the grid can remain stable at low cost in all 50 states and each of 150 countries examined. Aside from mitigating global warming, these roadmaps have the potential to eliminate over seven million air pollution deaths annually, reduce international conflict over energy, stabilize energy prices, reduce catastrophic risk, and create jobs. The talk also discusses why we do not need "miracle" technologies such as carbon capture, direct air capture, blue hydrogen, small modular nuclear reactors, or bioenergy. Guest: Mark Jacobsen, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Director of the Atmosphere/Energy Program at Stanford University.
12:00pm Hotel Alpenrock	Lunch Head over the the Hotel Alpenrock for lunch before the afternoon work sessions.

10:00 am Riverwalk Center	Plenary Session To be announced soon!
10:20 am Riverwalk Center Presented by: 	Break
10:45 am Riverwalk Center	Headwaters & Hometowns: Collaborating on Climate Resilience in Mountain Towns and Ski Areas Mountain towns and ski areas have a unique relationship – connected by a deep reliance on natural systems. Ski areas often sit up-stream from mountain communities – both physically, at the headwaters of our watersheds; and economically, creating employment opportunities and bringing in visitors from across the nation and around the world. This session explores how communities and ski areas can work together to steward forests, watersheds, habitat while strengthening resilience to a changing climate. From wildfire mitigation to wastewater treatment and water conservation, we'll hear from ski area representatives and highlight real-world examples of collaborative approaches that align ecological health and climate resilience with long-term economic sustainability. We'll also review tools and resources that both ski areas and mountain towns can use to understand, evaluate, and mitigate climate change vulnerability

Tuesday Afternoon Work Sessions

Now is the time to roll up your sleeves and put talk into action. Taking place at Hotel Alpenrock, you can choose which of these hour-long breakout sessions most interest you. You'll end the day with new ideas and actionable strategies that will optimize your approach to climate change back home.

1:15pm Hotel Alpenrock Presented by: 	Work Sessions: Block A Choose to attend a session in this hour-long block. Responding to The New Clean Energy Policy Landscape Jacob Smith, CCGA  The session will cover the question of how we can strike a balance between renewable energy projects, agriculture, small town values, and preservation of wildlife and protecting those vistas that make special places special. Takeaways will cover methods to address NIMBYism, to create trust with key stakeholders, and move successful clean energy projects beyond the planning phase. Not In My Backyard: The Challenges and Opportunities in Deploying Renewable Energy Projects in Rural Communities Emma Genova, Ecolotion Partners  The session will cover the question of how we can strike a balance between renewable energy projects, agriculture, small town values, and preservation of wildlife and protecting those vistas that make special places special. Takeaways will cover methods to address NIMBYism, to create trust with key stakeholders, and move successful clean energy projects beyond the planning phase. Reducing Emissions through Transportation Electrification Mony Tili, Sessenth Labs, a WEBI Company  Mountain towns have specific considerations when it comes to electrifying their fleet, but with proper planning they can identify applications that make sense with little to no impact to operations.
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2:30 pm
Hotel Alpenrock

Presented by:


Preparing For a Changing Climate Through Planning for and Investing in Energy Resilience
Julia Masters, State of Colorado, Department of Local Affairs, Colorado Resilience Office



Mountain towns are often at increased risk of extreme weather and potential grid disruptions. Through planning for and investing in energy resilience, rural communities can better prepare for a changing climate. In this session, the mountain towns will highlight how their communities have understood and responded to energy resilience needs through microgrids, energy storage, and resilience hubs. Staff from the Colorado Resiliency Office will facilitate the conversation and share lessons learned from their energy resilience work, including a critical facilities prioritization process that attendees can take back to their communities.

Decarbonizing Your Cash: Community Case Studies
Paul Moinester, Topo Finance



Building on our working group led by Topo Finance, we'll hear how some of the participating communities are moving forward in deploying this high-impact, systemic climate solution.

Achieving Climate Outcomes at the Public Utilities Commission: A Community Story
Jessica Burley, Town of Breckenridge



Local actions have big impacts, especially when many communities coalesce around the same end goal. Summit County, CO communities joined together to form the Mountain Communities Coalition to intervene on a proceeding before the PUC, known as the Mountain Energy Project, in order to ensure outcomes are favorable to local climate goals and affordability of clean energy. This session will share lessons learned from being an intervening party, and how other local governments can leverage their roles for greater outcomes in PUC decisions.

Work Sessions: Block B
Choose a session in this hour-long block.

Equipping Mountain Communities to Lead the Way on Climate Response Through Strategic Collaboration With Tourism Partners
Hilary Lewkowicz, Colorado Tourism Office



This session will spotlight an innovative, action-oriented model designed to equip mountain communities to lead the way on climate response through strategic collaboration with tourism partners.

Participants will gain insights from recent research conducted in partnership with The Travel Foundation, focused on building winter tourism resilience in a changing climate. Hear from the Aspen Chamber Resort Association on their tourism climate action priorities and how these efforts integrate with existing community-wide plans.

We'll open up a discussion on the role tourism leaders play in climate action planning — from visitor education, to marketing campaigns, product development and business certification. Then, participants will have the opportunity to brainstorm and develop concrete ideas on how to effectively work with tourism industry leaders and businesses to create more impactful climate actions for your own mountain community.

Ski Areas as Climate Catalysts: Turning Influence into Advocacy

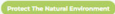
Kelly Trombley - Director, State Policy, Ceres; Tony Cammarata - Director of Development and Planning, Arapahoe Basin Ski Area; Christopher Miller - SVP Sustainability and Advocacy, Aspen One; Anna Nason - Sustainability Manager, Mt. Rose - Ski Tahoe



In today's shifting political landscape, it's more important than ever to engage in climate advocacy. This session, moderated by leading advocacy organization Ceres, features a panel of ski area leaders who are navigating these challenges and seizing opportunities to speak up for climate solutions. From building bipartisan relationships to making your message resonate, you'll hear firsthand how advocacy is not only possible—but essential. There's more opportunity for action than you might think – now is the time to step up, share your story, and help shape the policies that impact our mountains and communities. Join us in this session for concrete strategies, next steps, and inspiration for engaging in climate advocacy.

The Benefits and Applications of Onsite Biochar

Alan Spadafora, Circle Forestry; John Webster, GoBiochar



An introduction to biochar and a conversation about the benefits of on-site production and application of biochar as a widespread practice in mountain communities.

Carbon Sequestration in San Miguel County

Chris Hazen, Starr Jamison, San Miguel County



This presentation by Chris Hazen, Staff, and possibly a County Commissioner will describe how San Miguel County piloted, funded, and collaborated with other organizations and agencies to make this a now-annual, successful project. We will delve into the challenges and solutions we've encountered to gain the buy-in of ranchers, farmers, and producers, thereby expanding the PES program. Other counties have requested information to learn more about this program; therefore, this is an excellent opportunity to spread the word.

The Best of Mountain Mobility Innovations – Bus, BRT, Train, Condolas and More!

David Avenil, Executive Director, SMART; Charles McCarthy, Transit Manager, Town of Winter Park; Alex Roy, Assistant Transportation Planning Manager, Park City Municipal Corporation Moderator: Ed Parks, Associate Vice President, AECOM



Join us for this all-star lineup with the San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART), Winter Park, and Park City to explore the current and future best practices for mountain town mobility. We will dive into future technologies, decarbonization and innovative funding strategies in this sustainable and resilient mobility panel.



Field Trip: 106West's Distribution Center






Hosts: Dave Riddle & Kolby Ward, 106West Logistics



106West is removing large trucks from mountain towns and replacing all of them with a couple of small electric delivery carts. Their services are increasing pedestrian safety, reducing delivery truck congestion, and eliminating Scope 1 GHGs emitted by delivery trucks idling for hours every day in downtown areas.

Take a short walk or e-bike to 106West's local distribution center in Breckenridge to learn how 106West is revolutionizing the last-mile of food and beverage deliveries in mountain towns. Meet in the lobby of the Hotel Alpenrock at 2:30 p.m.

Climate Summit Opening Evening Event	
4:30 pm Riverwalk Center Presented by: 	Opening Evening Reception Presented by Lotus Engineering & Sustainability Join us at the Riverwalk Center to celebrate the end of Day 1. Grab a drink and catch up with colleagues before, and after the evening keynote.
5:15 pm Riverwalk Center Presented by: 	An Evening With Bill McKibben We're beyond excited to have Bill McKibben headlining the Opening Night of the Summit! Bill is one of the nation's most notable climate activists and the author of the forthcoming book "Here Comes the Sun: A Last Chance for the Climate and a Fresh Chance for Civilization." Alongside seven Middlebury students, he founded the first global grassroots climate campaign, 350.org . Every Summit attendee will receive a copy of Bill's new book. 
6:00 pm	Post keynote reception continues – get your book signed by Bill then grab a few friends and head into the Town of Breckenridge for dinner on your own.
Wednesday October 8, 2025	
7:45am Riverwalk Center	Breakfast
9:00am Riverwalk Center	Opening Remarks Rollie Williams, Climate Town
9:15am Riverwalk Center	Opening Keynote: Ramón Méndez Galain Dr. Méndez is the former Secretary of Energy of Uruguay (2008-2015). He led the energy transition that allowed his country to have 98% renewable sources in its power matrix. Former Secretary of Climate Change of Uruguay (2015-2016), Mr Méndez plays a leading role in the negotiation of the Paris climate agreement. Among other awards and recognitions, Fortune magazine included him in its list of the 50 World Great Leaders of 2016, for having demonstrated that it is possible to decarbonize an economy.
9:45am Riverwalk Center	The Reality of 100% Renewable Generation Join this conversation with leaders from three electric utilities about the achievability of 100% renewables, how mountain communities can help meet that goal and the emerging technologies they're paying attention to. Guests: Bryan Hannegan, Holy Cross Energy Chris Hansen, CEO La Plata Electric Duane Highley, CEO, Tri State Generation & Transmission Assn.
10:15am Riverwalk Center	Break

10:30am Riverwalk Center	Building Wildfire Resilience In Mountain Towns Wildfires are an omnipresent threat to every mountain town, amplified by the onset of climate change. We'll hear from topical experts about the state of wildfire risk across the west, preparation and mitigation and a mountain town case study. Guests: Nels Bjarke, Katherine Clifford; Western Water Assessment
11:00am Riverwalk Center	Torus' Battery Storage & Snowbird Ski Resort
11:30am Riverwalk Center	Geothermal - The Clean Energy Solution for Mountain Towns Guests: Paul Bony, Yampa Valley Sustainability Council
12:00pm Riverwalk Center	Elected Leaders Only! Elected Leaders: Please join this closed door and moderated conversation with your peers about making progress on climate at the local level. Lunch will be served.
12:00pm Hotel Alpenrock	Lunch Take a short walk/e-bike to the Hotel Alpenrock for lunch and the afternoon work sessions!
Wednesday Afternoon Work Sessions	
1:15pm Hotel Alpenrock Presented by: 	Work Sessions: Block A Choose a session in this hour-long block. Creating the Business Case for Thermal Energy Networks in Your Community Cameron Millard - Clean Energy Specialist, Town of Vail; Ashley Brasovan - Senior Account Manager, McKinstry; Carrie Thomas, National Director of EcoDistricts, McKinstry  The Town of Vail, Vail Resorts, Holy Cross Energy, and Eagle River Water and Sanitation District have explored many options over the years to decarbonize the built environment, the grid and the local snowmelt systems across the Vail community. While many of the stakeholders within this project group have explored alternative decarbonization options, a thermal energy network (TEN) paired with geothermal and other heat sources has risen to the top as one of the primary candidates for being able to accomplish the community's emission reduction goals. In 2023, the Town began exploring the technical components of a downtown thermal energy network. In 2023, the Town partnered with McKinstry to begin to evaluate the governance, ownership models and financials of the project to transform it from a design concept into reality. This session will highlight what is needed outside of the design process to help evaluate the business case for a thermal energy district project and how to use this information to better inform staff and elected officials in the decision making process. Project Funding: The Colorado Energy Office Jiri Moledina, Annhe Beal, Dimorah Avendano-Curiel, Colorado Energy Office  Case studies from mountain communities that have received funding from the Colorado Energy Office, and a detailed overview of upcoming programs. Talk Like a Local: Building a Common Language for Sustainability in Mountain Communities Robi Sergeant, Alpine Distilling, Park City  Sustainability shouldn't be a lofty concept—it should be something people can see, speak, and do. This session proposes a bold but practical idea: mountain communities need a shared language of sustainability to translate goals into clear, repeatable actions. Reducing Fugitive Methane Emissions From Coal Mines Tara Sitzler, Aspen CDHE  Fugitive methane emissions from abandoned coal mines are a large source of GHG emissions in many mountain towns where mining operations once existed. CORE, supported by Pitkin County and other local partners, has worked with Delta Brick & Climate Company over the last four years to investigate emissions in our backyard at an abandoned mine site called Coal Basin, where annual emissions account for 10-30% of Pitkin County GHG emissions. In 2023, we spent a field season identifying and quantifying methane leak sites by aircraft, drone, and by foot/horseback. In the Fall of 2024, our team submitted a proposal based on years of research and development for a permit to install a methane mitigation system on United States Forest Service-managed land at Coal Basin. We have faced many challenges up to this point related to the nature of coal mine methane, access in mountain terrain, and permitting, and there will be more to come. We'd like to share our process and what we've learned throughout, in hopes that other communities can replicate our work and pull this "emergency brake" on GHG emissions. Although we have not yet been approved to install a mitigation system at Coal Basin, we have also supported a demonstration project at a privately owned mine site that has demonstrated proof of concept, and has destroyed large amounts of methane just over the hill in Delta County, Colorado.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES ~ TRAVEL PRE-APPROVAL

Revised April 2025

<i>All DPU employees must obtain pre-approval BEFORE making any travel arrangements. Once approved, submit the form and necessary documentation to the Senior Office Specialist (or Executive Assistant.)</i>			MARK YOUR TYPE OF TRAVEL				
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EMPLOYEE #:		N/A - W-9 on file		TRAVEL START DATE:	10/6/2025	TIME:	8:00 AM
DIVISION:		Administration		TRAVEL END DATE:	10/9/2025	TIME:	10:00 AM
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PURPOSE OF TRAVEL:		Mountain Towns 2030 Climate Summit					
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