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County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Sustainability Board

Shannon Blair, Chair; Sue Barns, Vice-Chair; Joseph Chandler; Erik Loechell; Kella Romero; and Rebecca Paley-Williams, Members

Thursday, October 16, 2025 **5:30 PM** **1000 Central Avenue, Council Chambers**

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1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

5:30 p.m. Member Romero absent.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda by Member Barns second by Member Chandler the motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

20756-25 Approval of September 18, 2025, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: Shannon Blair

Motion to approve the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Meeting of September 18, 2025, by Member Chandler, second by Member Barns the motion passed unanimously.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

20765-25 Fleet Conversion Plan and Community-Wide EV Charging Plan Update

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

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Josh Schacht, Greg Wellingford, and Analy Castillo with Stantec gave a presentation on the Los Alamos County Fleet Conversion Plan and Community-Wide EV Charging Plan. The project purpose: reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emission from the county fleet, expanding EV charging infrastructure, and engaging County partners.

20764-25 Review Plastic Bag Research and Make a Recommendation to Council Regarding this Research

Presenters: Shannon Blair, Rebecca Paley- Williams and Hermann Geppert-Kleinrath

Chair Blair reviewed the plastic bag research presentation going to Council on Tuesday, October 21, 2025. A motion was made by Member Barns that the Environmental Sustainability Board forward the plastic ban research to Council for consideration and further guidance second by Member Loechell the motion passed unanimously.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair's Report - Shannon Blair

Chair Blair welcomed back Member Loechell. She commented on the contamination issues faced by Environmental Services and mentioned she would invite Armando Gabaldon, Environmental Services Manager to give a presentation on the topic. Chair Blair also reminded everyone that ESB still has a vacancy and encouraged members to share the opportunity with anyone who might be interested in applying.

1). Board of Public Utilities - Sue Barns/Shannon Blair

None.

2). Transportation Board

None.

3). Parks and Recreation Board - Shannon Blair

None.

4). County Council Liaison - Ryn Herrmann

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Councilor Herrmann gave an update on the October 7th Council meeting, including the presentation by the bicycle working group talking about a bike park in North Mesa and will take this to the Parks and Rec Board for consideration; a citizen asking for volunteers for an open space group; and, she also mentioned the GRT items going to Council on October 28th. She mentioned that she would not be at the Council meeting for the plastic bag presentation; however, she expressed her support for the item.

5). Inclusivity Task Force - Xeph Ivankovich and KokHeong McNaughton

None.

B. Working Groups and Steering Committee

1). Bee City Los Alamos - Britton Donharl

Report was sent and is attached to the minutes.

2). Education and Outreach Work Group

None.

3). Community-Wide EV Study Working Group

None.

4). Plastic Bag Fee Research Group - Shannon Blair, Rebecca Paley-Williams, and Hermann Geppert-Kleinrath

5). Los Alamos Sustainability Alliance - Sue Barns

None, meeting was canceled.

7. STAFF REPORT

20757-25 Sustainability Manager Updates

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

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Sustainability Manager Angelica Gurule reported that this month the newsletter focused on reducing food waste and highlighted the pumpkin dumpster at Fuller Lodge to collect pumpkins. Numbers on newsletter subscribers continue to grow slowly. EV infrastructure in front of the Municipal Building has started and is moving along. Working on finding an alternative equipment provider for the DC fast chargers that will be installed at Mesa Public Library with a grant provided by NMDOT. Council approved an agreement with Firebrand to conduct Climate Marketing and Engagement Services. The municipal food compost program is on hold. She thanked everyone for volunteering with "Cleanup Los Alamos Day." She reported the Los Alamos schools are making ornaments from recycled materials for the Holiday Tree. She also asked for volunteers to help with the High School Eco club yard sale.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

-Update from NMRC Recycling and Solid Waste Conference
-Update from Recycling Processor on Recycling Audit - January
-Draft Report from ZEV Study - December 18
-Kick off meeting on Climate Marketing and Engagement Services

9. ADJOURNMENT

7:24 p.m.

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Shannon Blair, ESB Chair — Date