



# County of Los Alamos

## BCC Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Environmental Sustainability Board

1000 Central Avenue  
Los Alamos, NM 87544

*David Hampton, Chair; Erik Loechell, Vice-Chair; Sue Barns; Carly Blair; Shannon Blair;  
Joseph Chandler  
and Jack Grow; Members*

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Thursday, April 16, 2026

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue - Council  
Chambers and Zoom

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

5:31 p.m. Member Carly Blair absent.

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda for the Environmental Sustainability Meeting of April 16, 2026 approved unanimously.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[21587-26](#) Approval of March 19, 2026, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

**Presenters:** Angelica Gurule and David Hampton

Motion to approve the agenda for the Environmental Sustainability Meeting of March 19, 2026 approved unanimously.

#### 5. BOARD BUSINESS

[21588-26](#) Presentation of the New Mexico Climate Action Plan

**Presenters:** David Hampton

Presentation by Amy Rosebrough, New Mexico Climate Action Plan (NMCAP) Coordinator for NM Environment Department, presented on what causes climate change, where do emissions come from, progress, and meeting targets. Explained the NMCAP development process and how to get involved.

**21590-26** Presentation of Climate Marketing and Engagement Plan by Firebrand

**Presenters:** David Hampton

**Presentation by Amanda Larrinaga on Climate Marketing and Engagement by Firebrand. Background on Firebrand creating effective climate action campaigns for local communities.**

**21589-26** Discuss Council Direction for ESB to Propose a Single-Use Plastic Bag Ordinance

**Presenters:** David Hampton

**Discussion on ESB to propose a single-use plastic bag ordinance according to County Council direction. ESB established a working group consisting of Shannon Blair, Erik Loechell, and Jack Grow.**

## **6. REPORTS**

### **A. Chair's Report - David Hampton**

**Chair Hampton notified the ESB of the Ridwell event on Wednesday, April 22 at 2:00 p.m. on plastic recycling at the Unitarian church and asked for volunteers to attend.**

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

**Member Shannon Blair gave an update Boards of Public Utilities meeting, BPU recognized Tom Wyman, Assistant County Attorney who is retiring, LANL annual presentation on utilities forecast, water rate ordinance, Elk Ridge gas project nearing completion. The groundbreaking for the County atomic fiber is May 12th.**

#### **2). Transportation Board - David Hampton**

**Chair Hampton reported that the Transportation Board did not meet in April however, in May they will be getting the County Pedestrian presentation.**

#### **3). Parks and Recreation Board - Joseph Chandler**

**None.**

### **B. Working Groups and Steering Committee**

#### **1). Bee City Los Alamos - Britton Donharl**

**Chair Hampton reported that Bee City will be having a work party on April 28th to pick weeds at the golf course, also they are looking for more volunteers for watering.**

2). Los Alamos Sustainability Alliance - Sue Barns

Chair Barns reported that the Los Alamos Sustainability Alliance met and mainly focused on volunteers for the upcoming earth day events. Water Festival event to be held on May 18th and 19th. Next meeting will be June 16th and reminded new board members that they can join the alliance.

7. STAFF REPORT

[21591-26](#) Sustainability Manager Updates

**Presenters:** Angelica Gurule

Sustainability Manager Angelica reported in the March newsletter celebrated earth day, EV charges are being used continuously, EV charges for Mesa Public Library is nearing construction. Food compost program is still on hold. Reminded everyone of earth day event at PEEC on April 18th, also earth day event for County employees on April 22nd everyone is invited. Shared the Residential Sustainability Report.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

July - Open Meetings Act by Katie Thwait's

Regional Landfill Study Update - Armando Gabaldon

Upcoming agenda items for May 21st Sustainability Manger Angelica Gurule will be scheduling presentations that the board has asked for.

9. ADJOURNMENT

7:29 p.m.

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