



# County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue  
Los Alamos, NM 87544

## Minutes

### Environmental Sustainability Board

*Lisa Cantrup, Chair; Heather Ward, Vice-Chair; Alesia Benson; Amanda MacDonald; Erik Loechell; Brendon Parsons; and Heidi Rogers; Members*

Thursday, October 15, 2020

5:30 PM

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

Chair, Lisa Cantrup, called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm. The following members were in attendance:

Present: Chair Cantrup, Vice-Chair Ward, Member Benson, Member Macdonald, Member Loechell, Member Parsons, and Member Rogers.

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ESB minutes were not included in the agenda.

#### 5. BOARD BUSINESS

A Discussion with Author Laura Paskus about New Mexico's Changing Climate

Presenters: Lisa Cantrup

Author Laura Paskus discussed with the ESB, her new book, At the Precipice, which explores the question many of us have asked ourselves: What kind of world are we leaving to our children? She has tracked the issues of climate change at both the state and federal level and shared the frightening truth, both in terms of what is happening in nature and what is not happening to counteract the mountain crisis.

## Glyphosate - A Round Up the Research by Heidi Rogers

**Presenters:** Heidi Rogers

**Attachments:** [C - Glyphosate - A Round Up of the Research by Heidi Rogers](#)

ESB Member Heidi Rogers provided a presentation about Glyphosate, the most commonly used herbicide. She reviewed some of the impacts of Glyphosate on the world and human health.

Katie Leonard, resident at 3092 Woodland RD, had a question regarding residential usage and LANL usage. She also commented that there could be an article in the Los Alamos Daily Post about Round Up and what could be a better solution to use on weeds.

## 6. REPORTS

### A. Chair's Report - Lisa Cantrup

None

### B. Board Member Reports

None

### C. Liaison's Reports

#### 1). Board of Public Utilities - Erik Loechell

Member Loechell reported that the Board of Public Utilities defined Conservation Objectives and Strategic Planning for the Department of Public Utilities. The Strategic Plan feeds into the Energy and Water Conservation Plan. They also discussed reducing natural gas usage by 5% per capita by 2030 using a 2020 calendar year-end baseline and support elimination of natural gas usage by 2070. They will use a mix of renewable energy and nuclear energy to offset natural gas usage. BPU talked about reducing potable water used by 12% per capita per day by 2030 using a 2020 calendar year-end baseline. Their goal is to reduce water by at least a third that is already being used. BPU recommended an increase in local solar peak production to 6 megawatts by 2040.

#### 2). Planning and Zoning Commission - Vacant

None

#### 3). Transportation Board - Heather Ward

Vice Chair Ward reported that the Transportation Board discussed their snow and ice plan and the master planning efforts.

#### 4). Parks and Recreation Board - Heidi Rogers

None

#### 5). Community Development Advisory Board - Vacant

None

6). **County Council Liaison - David Izraelevitz**

None

**D. Team Reports**

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

Environmental Services Manager, Angelica Gurule, gave an update about the Recycle Art Fair and Fashion Show.

2). **Zero Waste Los Alamos - Alesia Benson**

Member Benson discussed the upcoming Recycle Art Fair and Fashion Show, the backyard composting project and Zero Waste Articles.

**7. STAFF REPORT**

Environmental Services Update

**Presenters:** Angelica Gurule

Environmental Services Manager, Angelica Gurule gave the ESB an update of what is happening with Environmental Services. This included:

1. County Council Bear Discussion
2. The success of the Just Eat It Drive-In Movie
3. The second quarter 2020 landfill Methane Probes Report
4. Transfer Station ventilation upgrade project
5. The People's EcoChallenge
6. LAC and PEEC developing educational material for backyard composting project
7. Staff boosting the use of the Recycle Coach Tool

September 2020 Residential Sustainability Report

**Presenters:** Angelica Gurule

**Attachments:** [B - Residential Sustainability Report - September 2020](#)

The ESB reviewed and discussed the September 2020 Residential Sustainability Report. The data now includes more data and graphs that will demonstrate overall diversion as a result of the new yard trimming program that began July 9, 2018.

**8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Member Rogers, seconded by Member MacDonald that the October 15, 2020 meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

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