



# County of Los Alamos

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## Minutes

### Environmental Sustainability Board

*Erik Loechell, Chair; Dina Pesenson, Vice-Chair; Hermann Geppert; Jessie Emerson;  
Makayla Lui; Amanda MacDonald; and Wendy Staples, Members*

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Thursday, November 18, 2021

5:30 PM

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

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

Present: Chair Loechell, Vice-Chair Pesenson, Member Geppert, Member Lui,  
Member MacDonald, Member Staples, and Member Emerson.

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[15152-21](#) Approval of the October 21, 2021, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

**Presenters:** Erik Loechell

**Attachments:** [A - Draft ESB Minutes October 21, 2021](#)

**A motion was made by Member Lui, seconded by Member MacDonald, that the October 21, 2021 minutes be approved as presented.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

#### 5. BOARD BUSINESS

[15154-21](#)

**Presenters:** Erik Loechell

**Attachments:** [D - LARES Interim Report Presentation](#)  
[B - LARES Interim Report](#)

The ESB received a presentation from the Los Alamos Resiliency, Energy and Sustainability Task Force (LARES) interim report from Task Force Chair Katie Leonard.

The interim report contains six sections of recommendations:

1. General Recommendations.
2. Community Planning & Zoning.
3. Electricity Supply & Demand.
4. Natural Gas Reduction.
5. Transportation & Mobility.
6. Waste, Consumption & Natural Resources.

Members of the board discussed the presentation and asked follow up questions about bio gas production, producer responsibility, carbon credits, and battery technology.

The interim report was submitted to County Council in August 2021 and the final report will be submitted in February 2022.

[15153-21](#) Discuss Liaison Assignments

**Presenters:** Erik Loechell

**The ESB discussed liaison assignments and what boards/teams will be removed or added. Board liaisons that will be removed are Community Development Advisory Board and Planning & Zoning. If members are interested in being liaisons to other boards they will be added in the future.**

[15155-21](#) Bee City Follow Up Discussion

**Presenters:** Erik Loechell

The ESB had a follow up discussion on the Bee City presentation they received from

Alesia Benson. The Board will create a Bee City Team to look into the feasibility for making Los Alamos a Bee City. The team will be lead by Member Staples and Members Pesenson and Lui sill assist.

Public Comment:

Dorothy Brown commented and provided information about bees and pollinator corridors to the Board.

## **6. REPORTS**

### **A. Chair's Report - Erik Loechell**

None

### **B. Board Member Reports**

### **C. Los Alamos Resiliency Energy and Sustainability Task Force - Dina Pesenson**

Vice-chair Pesenson reported that LARES Waste, Consumption & Natural Resources Subcommittee Member Oral Saulters has integrated information about soil heath provided by Dorothy Brown to some recommendations.

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

None

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

Vacant. This liaison assignment will be removed.

#### **3). Transportation Board - Vacant**

Vacant

#### **4). Parks and Recreation Board - Dina Pesenson**

Councilor Williams reported that at the last meeting the Parks and Recreation Board discussed a request to the County to create a Cricket Pitch and a discussion on Glyphosate. He also stated that the Glyphosate motion will be on the December 14, 2021 Council agenda.

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

Vacant. This liaison assignment will be removed.

#### **6). County Council Liaison - Sean Williams**

Councilor Williams informed the Board on what to do to prepare for the Glyphosate recommendation that is on the December 14, 2021 Council meeting.

### **D. Team Reports**

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

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule reported that the Los Alamos Schools Team has not met since the start of the COVID pandemic. The Recycle Art Fair and Fashion Show will be held on April 20, 2022 at Chamisa Elementary School. New Mexico Clean and Beautiful had a webinar on recycle art and fashion in preparation for the Santa Fe's upcoming art fair and fashion show. The webinar included a presentation on the new Trash Temple at Meow Wolf in Santa Fe.

2). **Zero Waste Los Alamos - Angelica Gurule**

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule reported that the Zero Waste Team has been publishing articles including some on what to do with pumpkins and reduce waste, one on reducing food waste during the holiday season. During the next meetings the team will work on events and the work plan for 2022.

7. **STAFF REPORT**

**15156-21** Environmental Services Business & Operation Updates

**Presenters:** Angelica Gurule

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule, updated the Board on Environmental Services Business and Operations. The yard trimming program will be ending for the season the week of December 10, 2021 and Holiday tree collection will be in January 2022. Environmental services is sending excess mulch to the Caja Del Rio landfill in Santa Fe where it is being used to stabilize the slopes and prevent erosion. The Environmental Services Division in collaboration with the New Mexico Department of Game and fish purchased 300 semi automated Bear Tough roll carts and 7 bear proof dumpsters, of these 187 roll carts have been delivered to residents.

**15151-21** October 2021 Residential Sustainability Report

**Attachments:** [C - Residential Sustainability Report - October 2021](#)

The ESB reviewed and discussed the October 2021 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 which began July 9, 2018. Most recent additions to the report include greenhouse gas emissions reduced by recycling and composting.

8. **PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS**

1. SCS to give an update on the Composting Feasibility Study
2. Discuss 2022 Work Plan
3. Have a follow up discussion on the glyphosate recommendation
4. Bee City presentation by Dorothy Brown

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:39pm**

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