



County of Los Alamos

Council Meeting Staff Report

December 7, 2022

Agenda No.:	8.A.
Indexes (Council Goals):	DPU FY26 - 5.0 Continuously, Conscientiously, Work Toward Environmental Sustainability
Presenters:	Abbey Hayward
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Title

Quarterly Conservation Program Update

Body

The Induction Cook Top Loaner Program is going very well. To date, 45 out of 100 people have borrowed the kits with overwhelmingly positive support and feedback.

Induction events:

- * October 4 - Presentation on cooking technology history and Induction Loaner program to Rotary Club
- * October 5 - Customer Service Day demonstrations in Muni Building October 5.
- * October 6 - Induction Stove panel demonstration with PEEC. There was a lot of good discussion with the dozen people who attend the event.

October was Public Power Week and National Energy Month.

The County proclaimed October 5 as Energy Efficiency Day. Updated DPU "Conserve and Reduce" webpage with ways to "Reduce Energy Costs".

PEEC presented the Monster Detective Collective to several classrooms throughout October and November. The Monster Detective Collective is an engaging energy education program created by Milepost Consulting and the Tennessee Valley Authority. We purchased the Public Power version created with the American Public Power Association for Public Power Week and Energy Awareness Month. The program walks kids through what is energy, what uses power, where power comes from, and what happens when the power goes out. Elizabeth, our PEEC educator touched on the actual sources our power comes from and had the kids do a hands-on activity to see how wind and solar work.

Utility Bill Inserts: Offsetting Peak Usage (October); Natural Gas Conservation (November); Cooking Fuels (December)

Energy audit for WWTP provided by Arizona State is looking to be around December 12.

Cathy and I started the accreditation process for American Public Works Association.

Rolled out weatherization program assistance resource page on the DPU website. Information geared towards all customer classes and was shared with Self Help and LAC Social Services.

Engaging discussions with library system to enhance their Library of Things. Rolling out some trial programs: two induction loaner kits and four Kill-A-Watt power meters.

In the contract drafting phase for the Community Conservation Outreach Education RFP. The current

contract expires in February 2023.

An addendum to the Conservation Plan was requested at the end of November.

Upcoming programming:

Looking at getting an intern through UNM-LA

Inflation Reduction Act programs in January/February

Demonstration kitchen in White Rock: install induction stove, get poster contest going

Xeriscaping

Heat pump technology information

Fiscal and Staff Impact

None

Attachments

None