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Council Meeting Staff Report

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Indexes (Council Goals):

Presenters: Erik Loechell

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Title

Los Alamos Resiliency, Energy and Sustainability Interim Report Presentation

Recommended Action Motion

N/A

Body

On January 26, 2021, Los Alamos County Council approved the formation of the Los Alamos Resiliency Energy & Sustainability Task Force (LARES). The purpose of the LARES Task Force is to serve as an advisory body to the County Council for the purpose of recommending ways for the County as a whole, including government, businesses, and residents, to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions and advance other sustainable practices in the face of climate change.

Per the Charter, "The Task Force will build a comprehensive resiliency, energy, and sustainability "white paper" or strategic plan. This plan will present specific, measurable, achievable, and timely recommendations for how Los Alamos can achieve or exceed the goals set forward by our governor in the New Mexico Climate Change Executive Order 2019 which complies with the 2015 Paris Agreement.

Chair Katie Leonard of the Los Alamos Resiliency Energy & Sustainability Task Force will provide an update on the interim report to the Environmental Sustainability Board. The interim report contains six sections of recommendations: General Recommendations, and recommendations in the areas of Community Planning & Zoning, Electricity Supply and Demand, Natural Gas Reduction, Transportation & Mobility, and Waste, Consumption & Natural Resources, all aiming to reduce our carbon footprint and mitigate climate change. The General Recommendations are presented in order of priority and action: Recommendations 2-5 will depend on recommendations zero (0) and one (1) being put into place.

The Task Force seeks to gain public input and ESB feedback on the interim report as they continue to research and develop recommendations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The final report will be delivered to County Council by February 1, 2022.

Attachments

B- LARES Interim Report

D - LARES Interim Report Presentation

