



County of Los Alamos

Council Meeting Staff Report

January 18, 2023

Agenda No.:	6.F.
Indexes (Council Goals):	* 2022 Council Goal - Enhancing Communication, * 2022 Council Goal - Protecting our Environment and Improving our Open Spaces, Recreational, and Cultural Amenities, DPU FY26 - 5.0 Continuously, Conscientiously, Work Toward Environmental Sustainability
Presenters:	Catherine D'Anna; Abbey Hayward
Legislative File:	AGR0918-23a

Title

Approval of Services Agreement No. AGR23-43 with Pajarito Environmental Education Center (PEEC) for the Purpose of Community Water and Energy Conservation Outreach Services.

Recommended Action

I move that the Board of Public Utilities approve a seven-year Services Agreement No. AGR23-43 with Pajarito Environmental Education Center in the amount not to exceed \$385,000.00, plus applicable gross receipts tax, for the purpose of Community Water and Energy Conservation Outreach Services and forward to Council for approval.

Utilities Manager's Recommendation

The Utilities Manager recommends that the Board approve the motion as presented

Body

The Department of Public Utilities (DPU) maintains a service provider to assist in water and energy conservation outreach efforts with the Los Alamos County school systems and the community. These efforts include interactive class presentations, such as the Monster Detective Collective Public Power Program, organizing an annual water festival, representation in various school-sponsored activities and participation in Earth Day activities. The services also include assistance in developing and executing outreach efforts aimed at educating and providing resources to homeowners and other DPU customers. Examples include hosted talks on relevant efficiency topics, such as solar panels and heat pumps, exploring the feasibility of supporting a rain barrel distribution program, and providing additional resources in assisting DPU customers in reaping the benefits of the Inflation Reduction Act beginning in 2023.

Pajarito Environmental Education Center (PEEC) has provided excellent service to the DPU in these outreach efforts since 2016. We consistently receive praise from our constituents on PEEC's performance and their promotion of the DPU conservation program.

Alternatives

If the agreement is not approved some planned outreach efforts will not be performed this year.

Fiscal and Staff Impact/Planned Item

Funding for services provided under this contract will be from conservation funds that are budgeted annually and there is no additional staff impact to manage this contract.

Attachments

