

## Council Meeting Staff Report

June 8, 2021

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<b>Agenda No.:</b>	E.
<b>Indexes (Council Goals):</b>	* 2021 Council Goal - Enhancing Communication
<b>Presenters:</b>	Randall Rytí
<b>Legislative File:</b>	14328-21

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### Title

Consideration of Membership in the Coalition of Sustainable Communities New Mexico and appoint Council Representative

### Recommended Action

**I move that Council approve Los Alamos County to become a member to the Coalition of Sustainable Communities New Mexico as presented and appoint Councilor Randall Rytí to serve as a representative to the Coalition.**

### County Manager's Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that Council approve the motion as requested.

### Body

This item is to seek County Council's approval to join the Coalition of Sustainable Communities New Mexico effective June 9, 2021 and will begin payment for membership dues on July 1, 2021.

Furthermore, County Council will select one member from County Council to serve as a representative to the Coalition.

Los Alamos County Council approved the formation of the Los Alamos Resiliency Energy & Sustainability (LARES) Task Force 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. On April 2, 2021, the Coalition of Sustainable Communities New Mexico, Development Director and Executive Director provided an overview to LARES and invited Los Alamos County to become a member. The vision of the Coalition of Sustainable Communities New Mexico is to "Envision NM as a leader in climate action and sustainability. Our Coalition will speak in a united voice to ensure resilient, equitable, and sustainable communities."

On April 16, 2021, LARES Task Force voted to recommend to Los Alamos County Council to join the Coalition of Sustainable Communities New Mexico. At the FY22 Budget Hearings, on April 26, 2021, the Los Alamos County Council approved funding of \$5,000 to join the Coalition of Sustainable Communities New Mexico.

### Attachments

A - Coalition of Sustainable Communities New Mexico Presentation

B - Los Alamos County Letter of Intent to join the Coalition of Sustainable Communities New Mexico