

## Council Meeting Staff Report

November 18, 2021

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**Agenda No.:****Indexes (Council Goals):**

**Presenters:** Angelica Gurule

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**Title**

Environmental Services Business & Operation Updates

**.Suggested Motion**

N/A

**Body**

Environmental Services operates as an enterprise fund which provides solid waste services to businesses and residents of the community. The ESB receives routine updates regarding business and operations, as well as future outreach opportunities.

1. The yard trimming program began again on March 15 and will go through December 10<sup>th</sup>. The County has been sending mulch to Caja Del Rio Landfill in Santa Fe, where it is used for erosion control on the landfill.
2. Environmental Services Division collaborated with NM Department of Game and Fish to procure 300 bear tough carts and 7 bear resistant dumpsters. Priority will be given to the 106 residents currently on the registration list.
3. IFB Bear Dumpsters came in over bid, was twice the amount we had budgeted. This was advertised again and is currently in the evaluation process.
4. Environmental Services submitted a grant application to the Recycling and Illegal Dumping Grant for a recycling baler and received unofficial notice that the project has been awarded for FY22. We have not received the executed agreement. The project is currently on hold.
5. Los Alamos County Environmental Services in partnership with PEEC and LAC Parks and Recreation Division received a partial award for the NM Clean and Beautiful Grant to purchase and install water refill stations, which is \$16,418 and \$15,705.00 for backyard composting. Based on our estimates we have enough funding to purchase and install 3 water bottle refill stations. Parks recommend the first three Ashley Pond, Overlook, and Nature Center due to their high use for the public and visitors, plus access to current and future trails. This project is underway.
6. The ESB and Zero Waste Team have been providing outreach and education at Farmer's Market. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering. The next event is September 16.
7. ESB has one vacancy and is currently in the recruitment process, new appointment went before Council on November 16<sup>th</sup>.
8. ESB Glyphosate recommendation will go before Council on December 14, 2021 at 6pm via Zoom
9. Food Waste Composting Feasibility study update will be presented to ESB on December 16, 2021

**Attachments**

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**N/A**