

LARIMER COUNTY | BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Environmental and Science Advisory Board MINUTES

Date: July 8, 2025

Time: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Rm 150 Carter Lake, 200 West Oak St., Fort Collins, Colorado and Virtual by Zoom.

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MEMBERS		STAFF		GUESTS
Rodger Ames – Vice-Chair	-	John Kefalas *	X	
Tasha Carr	-	Abbey Stapleton [§]	X	
Anna Cloud - Chair	X	Heidi Pruess [¥]	X	
Jeremy Cooper	X			
Leo Grassens	X			
Matthew Haag	-			
Azmal Hoosan	X			
Kathryn Inman	V			
Joe Izaguirre III	X			
Michael Lee Jones	-			
Jared McGlothlin	X			
Nicole Poncelet-Johnson	X			
Cathelyne Powers	X			
Timothy Skolds ^Y	X			
Nathan Teich	X			
Chris Wood	X			

X = present; v= present virtually; * = Commissioner Liaison; ¥ = ESAB Liaison; § = Climate and Sustainability Program; Y=Youth.

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

1. **Amendments or additions to the agenda** – None.





2. **Introduction of members, staff and guests** – Guests and Environmental and Science Advisory Board (ESAB) members introduced themselves. Special time was provided for the introduction of six new members.
3. **Commissioner's Update** – Larimer's transportation master plan called [Larimer On The Move](#) will be discussed at the July 9th Planning Commission meeting with the current schedule of the Planning Commission determination of adoption on August 20, 2025. Larimer On The Move sets the tone for the next 25 years of transportation in the county and includes a safety action plan. The Planning Commission ultimately approves this transportation master plan that includes 500+ projects. There is also a ballot measure being considered to support the projects outlined in this plan. The promotion of this transportation initiative is being conducted by consultants, who are about to do a polling survey of the public, which will ultimately determine if this goes on the ballot this November.

Another update was on our current Larimer County Landfill which is set to be full and closed by mid-2026. The new landfill is under construction and there will be a new transfer station at the current landfill site which will allow commercial haulers and the city of Loveland to still bring their waste to the Taft Hill location. Solid Waste recently received a grant to expand their methane gas collection system at the current landfill. An update was also provided on the water master plan receiving an award. One action arising from the water master plan is the possibility of conducting a ground water study for which a grant has been applied to conduct. Finally, the final stretch of the Poudre Trail near River Bluffs open space will be completed early next year.

4. **Discussion Items**
 - 2025 - 2026 Workplan - Review of the Commissioner approved ESAB workplan, complete with Commissioner feedback and questions, was reviewed. Environmental Stewardship Award program review and update was added to the workplan.
 - New Member Onboarding, Training, and Orientation - Presentation of Larimer County's Boards and Commissions training was provided. A specific review of Larimer County Administrative Policy 100.1 and ESAB bylaws was provided.
5. **Approval of Minutes** – May 2025 minutes were amended with minor edits. Leo Grassens motioned to approve the minutes as amended, Chris Wood seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Updates and Round Table**
 - Environmental Stewardship Awards – The Environmental Stewardship Awards were presented to four awardees in June for the 30th year.
 - Nicole Pocetlet-Johnson- NISP water quality group is making good progress on prioritization of water quality projects.
 - Colorado Resilience Framework is being updated by the State who is looking for feedback. A virtual meeting is available for the public to register [at this link](#).
7. **Agenda Topics for Future Meetings** – The August meeting agenda will include a presentation and discussion of carbon capture and GHG sequestration.
8. **Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.