

# LARIMER COUNTY | ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD

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*The role of the Advisory Board is to advise the Board of County Commissioners and appropriate departments on environmental and science-related issues that affect Larimer County.*

## MINUTES

**Date:** December 8th, 2020

**Time:** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Location:** Virtual by Zoom

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MEMBERS		STAFF		GUESTS
Rodger Ames	X	John Kefalas*	X	
Daniel Beveridge	X	Shelley Bayard de Volo <sup>¥</sup>	X	
John Bleem	X			
Jim Gerek - <i>Chair</i>	X			
David Lehman – <i>Vice-Chair</i>	X			
Allyson Little	X			
Kirk Longstein	X			
George Rinker	X			
Travis Rounsaville	X			
Catriona Smith	X			
Katrina Winborn-Miller	X			
Chris Wood	X			

X = present; \* = Commissioner Liaison; † = Speaker; ¥ = ESAB Liaison; § = Larimer County Department of Health and Environment

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

- Amendments or additions to the agenda** – Defer November minutes to January. Addition included a member update on the CDPHE’s PFAS/PFOS monitoring and testing program.
- Introduction of members, staff, and guests** – Jim noted that there were several attendees that were not observable, but present and listening into the Zoom webinar.
- Public Comment** – none
- Discussion Items**
  - Issue Index – Update and Review** – Jim walked through the ESAB's Issue Index that the Board worked from during the 2020 term. Members discussed the topics and volunteered to act as issue coordinators for the 2021 term. Several important topics were added to the list including Regional Haze and Visibility, Cameron Peak Fire, Regional Commuter Rail, Social Equity and Climate Action.





- Annual Report, 2021 Workplan – Jim discussed the draft report and workplan, noting that the board will look to approve it at the January 2021 meeting. The report still requires some editing, but he asked members to look at it again over the holidays and provide any additional comments before the next meeting. The board then discussed the 2021 workplan, and its content. They noted the need to address social equity, and added a bullet point for including diversity, equity, and inclusion among the topics they consider. They also discussed the need for a standing committee to monitor relevant State level legislation and rulemaking, but in the end agreed that type of activity is not within the purview of the board as a whole. Rather issue coordinators should keep up on statewide rulemakings as they have the potential to impact Larimer County.
- 2021 Board Officers' Elections – Discussion started with the Board's bylaws and the one-year term served by the Chair and Vice-Chair, which require re-election to serve another year. Jim and David's Board terms are both up for potential renewal end of June, so if they were to be elected as officers for the 2021 year, they would have to either be re-appointed to the ESAB, or only serve half the year, at which point a special election would be held to elect new officers. The decision to re-appoint members is at the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners.

While the ESAB needs a plan for long-term continuity, the Board agreed that Jim and David were eligible to be nominated at this time. George nominated Jim for the Chair position and John Bleem seconded the motion. All voted in the affirmative to re-elect Jim for another term. Kirk nominated David for the Vice-Chair position and Rodger seconded the motion. All voted in the affirmative to re-elect David for another term. No other members were nominated by other members or self-nominated.

5. **Approval of Minutes** – Approval of the November minutes was deferred until January

6. **Updates and Round Table**

- PFAS/PFOS – Catriona presented an update and summary of the outcome of the State's PFAS/PFOS testing of drinking water treatment plants across the State. She found that only about half of the treatment facilities participated in the program, but the sample represented ~70% of the drinking water supply. Eleven facilities in Larimer County participated, but 13 did not. Of those tested statewide, none supplied drinking water that tested above the EPA's 70 parts per trillion (ppt) Health Advisory Standard (HAS), but several source water samples tested higher than 70 ppt (none in Larimer County). Most results for Larimer County facilities resulted in non-detectable levels, but source waters for the City of Fort Collins had a 0.56 ppt detection and YMCA Rockies Wind River had an 0.27 ppt, both well below the HAS.

Next steps for CDPHE include meeting their 100% testing goal by working with water treatment facilities that did not participate. They are also evaluating rulemaking, conducting inspections, issuing permits, identifying areas that are sources of the pollutants and supporting remediation in those areas or business sectors. Also increasing public education, supporting disposal/replacement of Class-A fire-fighting foams, and supporting public water suppliers with technical communications and financial assistance.



There was discussion of whether the Class-A fire-fighting foams were used in the Cameron Peak fire and board members asked Catriona to continue to investigate the question, especially identifying what materials are used in wildland fire suppression activities and what are the constituents of the materials used.

- Cameron Peak BAER Report – Travis introduced this issue but will provide an update on this next month when the draft report is hopefully available.
  - Climate Smart Larimer County – The 10-page summary of the framework will be presented for the BoCC at worksession Dec 9th. Commissioner Johnson will not be able to attend, but Commissioner Donnelly will. Members can watch the presentation via the County’s website or YouTube. Commissioner Kefalas will lead the presentation, and both Shelley and Kirk are on the agenda to present their contributions and recommendations. The ask at the worksession is to provide feedback and a green light to move the framework process forward by engaging the community.
  - Commissioner Update – Commissioner Kefalas noted the current status of Covid-19 response in Larimer County and plans for the Level Up program. The Land-Use Code update is scheduled for approval by the BoCC Dec 9th, and the overall 2021 County budget is scheduled for approval Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.
7. **Issue Index** – Was updated with tonight’s discussion.
  8. **Agenda Topics for Future Meetings** – Next meeting is January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Topics include Cameron Peak BAER report, and approval of the ESAB Annual Report and Workplan.
  9. **Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.