



**Environmental Advisory Board
Tuesday, November 4, 2025
3:30 PM**

130 Kearns Road
Small Conference Room
Snowmass Village, CO 81615

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Minutes

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:36 PM.

Board Members Present: Morgan Fixel, Andrew Wickes, Rebecca Paschal, Joseph Goodman, Gina McCrackin, Mike Steiner
Board Members Absent: Shashi Neerukonda

Others present: Greg LeBlanc, Board Liaison, Darrell Smith of Snowmass Water & Sanitation, Angie Davlyn and Kelsey Been from RFV Wildfire Collaborative, and Theresa Cook, town staff.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.A. 10-07-2025 EAB Minutes for Approval

Motion to approve the October 7, 2025 minutes by Andrew Wickes. Motion seconded by several members. Motion passed.

3. C.O.R.E. Update

Gina McCrackin presented the status of CORE's Snowmass projects from Q3 2025. CORE distributed 2 commercial rebates totaling \$58,000 and 7 residential rebates totaling \$30,000 in Snowmass, while conducting 5 residential assessments. McCrackin mentioned CORE is advising on a multifamily housing roofing and insulation project (Seasons 4 Condos) that could yield significant greenhouse gas reductions. She also reported that a flyer had been distributed to Snowmass residents to generate interest in available incentives, and that CORE was submitting a grant application for the Impact Accelerator program at the state level, which could bring additional funding for retrofit projects.

4. H.C.E. Update

Mike Steiner presented updates on projects that Holy Cross is working on in Snowmass and the valley. Holy Cross Energy currently averages 87% renewable energy year to date. Mike addressed questions about electrical capacity, confirming that Holy Cross has the ability to serve electrification projects throughout the town. Steiner offered to provide detailed information on distribution capacity and infrastructure to the Town Council or other interested parties if needed.

5. Items for Discussion

5.A. Roaring Fork Valley Wildfire Collaborative Update

Angie Davlyn presented on behalf of the Roaring Fork Valley Wildfire Collaborative, discussing their work on wildfire risk modeling. She explained that current wildfire risk maps of 'urban' mountain areas have two major problems: they show nearly all areas as high hazard, and they incorrectly mark urbanized areas as low risk. The Collaborative is partnering with Dr. Husam Mahmoud to develop more accurate modeling that accounts for the risk of home-to-home fire spread in addition to wildfires.

Davlyn reported receiving an \$850,000 grant, which combined with the Town's investment of \$130,000, will provide over \$1 million for wildfire mitigation efforts once the modeling is complete. She emphasized the importance of data collection through homeowner surveys to increase model accuracy and requested board members encourage community participation.

5.B. Pesticides

The board reviewed concerns about pesticides and their potential health impacts, noting research linking them to neurological disorders. Morgan Fixel shared that Carbondale has implemented alternative weed management solutions and suggested inviting Gwen, a Carbondale resident involved in their program, to present to the board.

Motion to approve a letter to the Town Council regarding non-toxic weed management approaches and requesting Snowmass Club participation in discussions was made by Andrew Wickes and unanimously approved.

The board agreed to explore presentations from both Gwen and the nonprofit "Nontoxic Neighborhoods" at future meetings.

5.C. Daylighting Streams

This agenda item was tabled after Joseph Goodman indicated there was no update and suggested the topic could be covered under the wildfire mitigation work already being done.

6. Upcoming Agenda Items

The board agreed to look into having Gwen present on Carbondale's non-toxic weed management program at the December meeting.

Additionally, they will discuss the 2026 allocation of the \$300,000 sustainability budget approved by the Town Council.

7. Next Meeting Date

December 2, 2025

8. Non-Agenda Items

Darrell Smith provided an update on the water district's work on water conservation, explaining they are developing water budgets for every property in Snowmass Village using satellite data to identify excessive irrigation.

The program will include education, incentives for irrigation system improvements, and possibly differential pricing for water waste.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.