



Sustainability Office

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Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – October 26, 2016

Present:

Darla Arians – Boulder County
Jack DeBell – CU Recycling
Michael Donovan – At-Large
Shirley Garcia - Broomfield
Bryce Isaacson – Western Disposal
Bridget Johnson – Jamestown
Charles Kamenides – Longmont
Neal Lurie – Center for Resource Conservation
Dan Matsch – Lyons
Lisa Morzel – City of Boulder
Mark Persichetti - Louisville
Tim Plass – At-Large
Heather Wood – At Large

Active Members Not Present:

Russ Callas – At-Large
Holly Hughes – Ward
Suzanne Jones – Eco-Cycle
Shari Malloy – At-Large
Chris Pelletier – Nederland
Jeff Stewart – Waste Connections
Stephanie Walton – Lafayette

RCAB Staff Liaison:

Leigh Cushing – Commissioners’
Office/Sustainability
Tyler Kesler – Commissioners’
Office/Sustainability

Guests:

Kevin Afflerbaugh – Western Disposal
David Bell – City of Longmont
Andrea Doukakis – Boulder Resident
Lisa Knoblauch – City of Longmont
Jamie Harkins – City of Boulder
Sami Elkan – Resource Conservation Division
Graham Ward – Resource Conservation
Division

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Charles Kamenides called the meeting to order at 4:50 pm

2. **Approval of Minutes September 28, 2016**

No changes, minutes were approved 4:55 pm

3. **Community Updates**

- **Boulder County** - Recycling Center the previously-approved capital improvement projects have been re-prioritized and the plastic optical sorting project has been identified as Phase I. \$2.5million funding comes from the remaining original recycling tax fund. Delivery and installation is tentatively scheduled in May 2017. Additionally the Resource Conservation Division is now fully staffed after hiring Cody Lillstrom as the Zero Waste Program Manager.
- **Center for ReSource Conservation** – In the final stages of C&D study that they have been working on in 2016 and looking forward to being able to present the results at an upcoming meeting. There is a November 16th CRC 40th anniversary event “Heroes in Hope” to honor the waste reduction efforts that have taken place over the last 40 years throughout Boulder County. All RCAB members are invited!
- **Eco-Cycle/Lyons** – Green Star Community Grant has been awarded for Lyons and they are making plans to reach out to businesses, events, churches, and government entities. Randy from Eco-Cycle came and met with Sustainable Futures Commission to begin the program

launch, and there will be an overview meeting on Thursday, November 17th from 3:30-4:30pm at the Lyons Town Hall. RSVP to randy@ecocycle.org. Lyons is getting close to moving drop-off station. Western is working with the town to finish up design to get it to RCD.

- **Jamestown** – Halloween night at the Town Hall starts at 5:30p for the kids.
- **Longmont** – Outreach for curb side organic compost (1,000) and bi-weekly trash pickup (200) pre-registration has gained a lot of momentum. They have used the newspaper and other venues throughout the community to spread the word and it is working.
- **Louisville** – Interviews with local businesses for PACE recognition were just completed with 31 businesses. The reception for recognition is at the end of November at a local restaurant. Louisville will be looking to increase this number in 2017.
- **University of Colorado** – Industrial plastic bag information is now currently available (contact: Tim Woods - Government Contracts Manager, MSC Industrial Supply Co. - 303.218.0371 cell timothy.woods@mscdirect.com www.mscdirect.com)
- **Special Topic: Solid Waste Element of the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan**

Anne Peters has been contracted by RCD to help with updating this element and she has guided RCAB throughout this process. Anne has created a first draft with bigger picture goals and supporting actions. The first draft is currently under review by county staff in several departments. Subcommittee volunteers were requested in the last RCAB meeting for anyone who might be interested in this process, and they will be asked to review the second draft. The next steps include a public open house, RCAB at-large review, a formal meeting with RCAB and Planning Commission, followed by another RCAB review, and finally will be sent to the Planning Commission for Final Review in 2017.

4. Special Topic: RCD Update on Community Cleanup Results

The Resource Conservation Division has been working with mountain towns throughout the spring and summer to coordinate events for waste diversion. The County has spent around \$14,500, which is within budget. A total of 124.5 tons of diverted materials were recorded including hazardous waste, tires, mattresses, and C&D materials. There was an aggregate 58.7% diversion rate for these events throughout Boulder County. Each community makes their own decision about how they want to run the event in their respective towns and cities. RCD is considering how to incentivize town members for diversion and presorting materials. More volunteers would be helpful for these events in the future and directly correlate to increased diversion rates. Graham will work on updating the graphs to include different data points that will paint a better picture of success.

5. Special Topic: Marijuana Composting Update from PACE

The Partners for a Clean Environment (PACE) team is working to create a committee to help solve the barriers that marijuana growers face to composting their organic waste. They are working with county, City of Boulder, marijuana task force, state regulators, growers and haulers to discuss possible solutions. PACE and Boulder County Sustainability Office attended the

monthly county Growers meeting and were met with lots of industry interest in diverting this waste. Cost and regulation were two industry fears during initial discussions. Boulder County may have as much as 10-20,000 tons per year of organic waste from growers. PACE is looking for opportunities to partner businesses in combining waste streams to make the marijuana waste unrecognizable and unusable. Next steps are coordination with other municipalities to brainstorm BMPs in addition to the aforementioned composters being communicated with. Eco-Cycle/CHaRM, Western Disposal and Green Girl Recycling are interested in helping out with next steps. PACE will follow up with interested parties.

6. Special Topic: Carbon Sequestration Meeting Update and Next Steps

This week Leigh, Tim and Dan met with Susie Strife to talk about this subject and an advisory group will be formed that will be heavy on researchers, carbon credit/carbon fund experts, farmers and municipalities to help identify next steps. Help is needed from experts in the pilot program design for the Colorado region. The advisory committee will meet in late Nov/Dec. to figure out next steps. Secondly, a public forum will be held with an expert speaker in the near future. As the scope of this project is very large, the effort will live in the Sustainability Office, and RCAB will be asked for its expertise when needed in waste diversion and compost use. Associated costs with working with these experts may present themselves but at first experts will be approached as advisors to gauge feasibility. RCAB is interested in leveraging outside funding when/if the time comes. RCAB recognizes that this is going to be a difficult process and would like cooperation from all partners both public and private considering the many co-benefits for the community.

Additional:

- The application deadline for RCD's Zero Waste Funding program has been extended until December 5th. There was a call for volunteers for the review committee. Shirley would like to be included in this volunteer pool. RCAB will review and approve applications at its December meeting, and the recommendations will be sent to the Commissioners for approval. Funding contracts will be executed by the end of January.
- A retreat for RCAB will be planned to focus and organize 2017 Goals.

7. Adjournment: Charles Kamenides called the meeting to a close at 6:29 pm