



Sustainability Office

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Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2016

Present:

Darla Arians – Boulder County (phone)
Jack DeBell – CU Recycling (phone)
Michael Donovan – At-Large
Holly Hughes – Ward (phone)
Bryce Isaacson – Western Disposal
Charles Kamenides – Longmont
Neal Lurie – Center for Resource
Conservation
Shari Malloy – At Large
Dan Matsch – Lyons
Lisa Morzel – At Large
Mark Persichetti – Louisville
Chris Pelletier – Nederland

RCAB Staff Liaison:

Leigh Cushing – Commissioners'
Office/Sustainability
Madison Keefe – Commissioners'
Office/Sustainability

Guests:

Deb Gardner – Boulder County
Pam Milmoie – Boulder County (phone)
Noah Eisenman – City of Boulder

Active Members Not Present:

Russ Callas – At-Large
Shirley Garcia – Broomfield
Bridget Johnson – Jamestown
Suzanne (Zan) Jones – Eco-Cycle
Tim Plass – Boulder
Jeff Stewart – Other Hauler
Martin Toth – Superior
Stephanie Walton – Lafayette
Heather Wood – At Large

1. Call to Order

Chair Dan Matsch called the meeting to order at 4:52 pm

2. Approval of Minutes June 24, 2015

Pending changes, minutes were approved

3. Public Comment –

Boulder County –

Five of seven spring cleanup events are done. Gold Hill and Allenspark will be completed in the next few weeks. Eldora and Jamestown didn't participate this year. Darla will provide results at an upcoming meeting.

HMMF has begun collecting sharps and offering mail-in packages for pharmaceuticals. Envelopes are pre-paid, and anyone from Boulder County can pick them up at the HMMF.

The Boulder County Fair will begin at the end of July. Volunteers are still needed for the Zero Waste effort.

The Town of Lyons submitted a student-produced film on Zero Waste as part of their 2015 COP grant. Film shown to RCAB.

Boulder City Council voted to keep the 6400 Arapahoe site to use for Zero Waste purposes, rather than look at selling. City staff are working on coming up with suggestions on what should be developed at this site.

Louisville's Street Fair continues with its Zero Waste mission this year. There are six triple bin systems and minimal access to trash. The town is training high school students to work at the bins and help fair attendees correctly sort their materials.

Town of Lyons Spring clean-up was held in May, and was coupled with a community yard sale. 19 households participated in the weekend-long yard sale, and the town created an online map to showcase the event.

Center for Resource Conservation has seen a 40% increase in diverting from lumber from trash, as they work on their de-nailing operation. They are working on continuing to build relationships with contractors, and have created a survey to send out to area contractors. Neal will send the survey to Leigh, who will share with RCAB.

Partners for a Clean Environment is working with the towns of Louisville and Lafayette on their Green Business Recognition, which has been really successful. The City of Boulder advisors have ramped up their outreach in lieu of the City of Boulder Universal Zero Waste Ordinance.

4. Priority Topic: Election of Officers

Current Chair: Dan M.

Current Vice Chair: Charles K.

The group discussed, and nominated Charles K. for Chair and Tim Plass for Vice Chair. Charles accepted the nomination. Tim was not in attendance, so voting will take place in August.

5. Special Topic: Tracking C + D recycling – Noah Eisenman – City of Boulder

The City of Boulder is working on tracking and enforcement of their construction and demolition recycling requirements. Currently there are no enforcement or education programs to help contractors, so the city hopes to create a program that would provide support for contractors, a more robust system for tracking (including the possibility that a contractor would not get a final sign-off without an approved and completed recycling plan), and an enforcement piece. The City may also be interested in partnering with the county to create a deposit program in which contractors would only receive their deposit back if they complete an approved recycling plan.

6. Updates from working group

The Infrastructure Working Group has been working with the Boulder County/Land Use task force to come up with requirements and needs for a construction and demolition processing facility, as well as community-scale compost facilities.

McDonald Farms has a potential site to be used for compost transfer in the Fredrick area West of I-25. They are already permitted for as a recycling facility.

The group is also interested in helping to research sites for community-scale solar gardens.

The Education and Outreach Working group has not met since the beginning of the year. The current purpose is to collaborate on uniform Zero Waste messaging throughout the county. RCAB members discussed ideas to make the group feel more productive, including identifying what's working in other communities (education vs. policy, what type of education, what type of incentives), sharing of resources among communities, identifying funding sources for outreach activities, and encouraging towns and cities to challenge each other in contests.

7. Carbon Sequestration

RCAB/Boulder County may want to work on filling out paperwork to apply for carbon credits. California has a carbon cap and trade program in place, that Boulder County may be eligible for. Dan M. and Tim P. have been reaching out to the American Carbon Registry, they have no projects in area currently, but are interested in working locally.

Farmers in California are currently able to get a \$20-30/ton carbon credit, but a huge barrier is signing up for the program. The upfront costs are around \$15-20k and lots of paper work.

Dan M. and Tim P. will present at the next RCAB meeting with some next steps.

8. Adjournment: Dan