



# Resource Conservation Advisory Committee (RCAB)

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## Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – October 28th, 2020

### **Present:**

Charles Kamenides – City of Longmont (Chair)  
Tim Plass – At-Large (Vice-chair)  
David Snapp – At Large (CDPHE)  
Tim Towndrow – Republic Services  
Brandon Hill – Resource Central  
Mark Persichetti – City of Louisville  
Jack DeBell – CU Recycling  
Eric Loof – Western Disposal  
Steve Derus – Republic Services  
Suzanne Jones – Eco-Cycle  
Chris Pelletier – Town of Nederland  
Adam Swetlick – City of Boulder  
Tony Raeker – City of Lafayette  
Mircalla Wozniak - At Large  
Dan Matsch – Town of Lyons

Caitlyn Stafford – Town of Superior  
Lisa Speermont – At Large  
Darla Arians – Boulder County  
Alisha Stewart – Town of Erie  
Eric Smith – At Large  
Bridget Johnson – Town of Jamestown

### **RCAB Staff Liaison:**

Tim Broderick – Boulder County/OSCAR  
Deandra Croissant – Boulder County/ OSCAR

### **Guests:**

Tyler Kesler – Town of Erie  
Lisa Skumatz – SERA  
Cody Lillstrom – Boulder County  
Laura Levesque – Recycle Colorado  
Amanda Groziak – MENV Student  
Craig Williams – MENV Student  
Anthony Myint – Zero Food Print

### **Active Members Not Present:**

Russ Callas – At Large  
Stephanie Walton – City of Lafayette

### **1. Call to Order / Introductions**

Charlie Kamenides called the meeting to order at 4:49 p.m.

### **2. Approval of Minutes September 23, 2020**

Charlie Kamenides asked if the September Minutes could be approved. Jack DeBell moved to approve, and Tim Plass seconded the motion, followed by unanimous RCAB approval.

### **3. Guest Presentation – CU MENV – City of Lafayette/Boulder County Project**

MENV students Craig Williams and Amanda Groziak presented on their MENV project to RCAB. The objective included providing a plan to the City of Lafayette to help them achieve their Zero Waste goals. The students got stakeholders involved including Lafayette business, city government, waste haulers, and Boulder County. In addition, they used a survey sampling of more than 180 local businesses and conducted further phone interviews with waste haulers. The project outcomes included a detailed sampling report of commercial waste, proposed mechanism for verification, and business successes and failures with waste diversion and reduction. After significant research and deliberation the students recommended the following strategies for Lafayette to reach their goal: (1) deign outreach and education campaign on composting

and compost giveaways; (2) implement waste management requirements for events; (3) implement mandatory licensing and data reporting for commercial waste haulers; and (4) determine protocol for solar PV recycling.

**4. Guest Presentation – Restore Colorado – USDA Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction Grant**

Tim Broderick introduced Anthony Myint. Anthony is from Zero Food Print. He presented on the USDA grant that the county received and the program, Restore Colorado, that the county is launching from it (Mad Ag is also a key partner on this project). Zero Food Print offers a 1% opt-in surcharge on customer's bills at restaurants. The revenue from the surcharge goes toward carbon farming in the community. Carbon farming restores ecosystems and transforms atmospheric carbon into healthy carbon. This helps rebuilding the life of the soil, through practices like compost application, creating a positive feedback loop that could pull billions of tons of carbon out of the atmosphere and be a primary solution. The Restore Colorado program is about accelerating Zero Food Print's (ZFP) mission in Boulder County. The program is also having discussions with waste haulers to see if they are interested in offering a \$1/month surcharge on resident's waste hauling bills that would also go toward the same regenerative farming projects in the community. Please contact Tim Broderick if you have connections with restaurants that might be interested in joining.

**5. S Tax and Infrastructure Updates**

Tim Broderick provided an update on the Compost Facility, including a link to the official [Compost Facility website](#). This is where the county is directing all individuals and organizations to access information on the status and stages of the compost facility. Users will see the schematics and other files related to the project. Anything found through that website can be shared to widely to the community, and it will be updated regularly. Please note that the timeline on the website is a moving timeline. The county is also working on holding a virtual open house, but that is not yet confirmed.

In regards to the Sustainability Tax, everything put forward by the S Tax Subcommittee is moving forward for official approval of funding in late December. There is one item of the ask, the hazardous waste collection event, that is still up in the air due to budget and economy projections. The Boulder County Commissioners (BOCC) also took consideration future projects and what is prioritized by RCAB.

**6. Community Updates**

**Louisville - Mark Persichetti:** One week from today we will know if Louisville's proposed bag tax passes or not.

**Town of Erie – Tyler Kesler:** Town of Erie is busy scheduling their Fall compost event for leaves and Christmas trees. Erie was also awarded one of the Front Range Waste Diversion grants for nearly a quarter of a million dollars. This project will help significantly improve their recycling systems, as well as curbside recycling and compost, and a robust multilingual and generational education campaign for their community.

**Eco-Cycle** – *Suzanne Jones*: Eco-Cycle is also working with the Polis Administration on Recycle Colorado Week and striving to get it to be a more permanent annual event. The governor will sign the proclamation on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to have Colorado Recycle Week overlap with National Recycle Day each year. Eco-Cycle will be releasing their annual State of Recycling Report that week as well.

**Republic Services** – *Steve Derus*: In response to the fire debris, they are looking at allowing landfills that may not be approved to handle asbestos fire debris to handle that on a site-specific basis. That is coming down from CDPHE. Primarily Larimer County Landfill and the Foothills Landfill.

**CDPHE** – *David Snap*: Wanted to follow up on Steve Derus' comment. CDPHE is providing landfill specific waivers for some asbestos from the wildfires. Also working on finding staging areas for down trees and excess wood waste. Reaching out to Grand County so people can start clearing out some of the dangerous burned trees around their property.

**SERA** - *Lisa Skumatz*: Lisa wanted to congratulate Boulder County on winning a national recycling coalition award for their standing community program.

**CU Boulder** – *Jack DeBell*: Jack wanted to amplify on Lisa's point, also acknowledging Dr. Horowitz was a national award winner from AMP Industries. The Environmental Center is offering Spring service projects that can be accessed from their website. You can sign up for these online.

**Town of Lyons** – *Dan Matsch*: Lyons has a leaf collection event on Nov 14<sup>th</sup>. In addition, they have hired a new director for the CHaRM Facility.

**Resource Conservation** – *Cody Lillstrom*: RCD was reassigned to help with recovery from the fires. For example, the last couple of weeks Darla and staff have been working hard to make sure residents in the mountains are able to dispose of spoiled food and trash from the fires. Depending on the policy team's decision, they may also coordinate debris removal for un- and underinsured property owners.

**City of Boulder** – *Adam Swetlik*: Depending on whether the franchise agreement passes with Xcel, it could shift their staff one way or another pretty drastically and will go from there when it comes to resource conservation. *Kara Mertz* also provided an update. The City has been working on a deconstruction deposit that went into effect in July, and they have just begun refunding participants. Residents can receive a refund if they prove they have recycled or reused a certain percentage of waste from their demolition project. Also doing a tree branch collection from the snow storm.

7. **Adjourn** Charlie Kamenides adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.