



Resource Conservation Advisory Committee (RCAB)

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Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – May 24, 2023

Board Members Present:

David Snapp – CDPHE (Chair)
Zan Jones – Eco Cycle
Tim Towndrow – Republic Services
Lauren Folkerts – City of Boulder
Angie Gilbert – CU Recycling
Kayla Betzold – City of Louisville
Neal Lurie – Resource Central
Dan Hoback – Town of Erie
Alexis Bullen- Town of Superior
Cody Lillstrom – Boulder County Resource Conservation Division
Eric Loof – Western Disposal
Mircalla Wozniak – At Large
Matt LeBeau – At Large

Board Members not Present:

Meghan Wiebe – At Large
Leah Haney – Town of Nederland
Charles Kamenides – Longmont
Bridget Johnson – Jamestown
Lizzie Szorad – City of Lafayette

RCAB Staff Liaison:

Noah Eisenman – Boulder County RCD

Guests:

Chandra Valenza – Boulder County RCD
Jamie Harkins – City of Boulder
Michael Port – Pitkin County
Andrew Sawusch – Town of Erie

1. Call to Order / Introductions

David Snapp called the meeting to order at 4:49 p.m.

2. Approval of April 26, 2023 Minutes

David asked if the April 26 minutes could be approved. Zan Jones motioned to approve, seconded by Neal Lurie, followed by a unanimous RCAB approval.

3. Presentation: C&D toolkit – Michael Port

Michael Port works for Pitkin County and was at the meeting to present the Construction, Demolition, and Deconstruction Policy Toolkit. This toolkit was a result from collaboration within the Recycle Colorado C&D Council. Different communities in Colorado have varying approaches on how they approach C&D waste. This toolkit is one of the first actions to take as part of a 5-year policy strategy developed last year that consolidates learnings from different communities.

For the full presentation, please see Michael's PowerPoint in the attachments.

C&D materials make up 25% of total waste generated state-wide. There are gaps in tracking, infrastructure, and end markets. Also, there are no state goals for diversion. If more communities pass regulations and set goals for C&D that would justify the development of more infrastructure and end markets for these materials.

The toolkit is broken up into five sections; Know your waste stream, Know your infrastructure, Policy Framework, Planning and Implementation, and Other Policy Considerations. Regarding “Know your waste stream” and “Know your Infrastructure”, it is imperative to look at the recoverable materials in buildings. Knowing all the different

materials in a building allows you to find end markets and properly dispose of what cannot be sold to an end market. “Planning and Implementation” includes the call to action, stakeholder processes, and tracking. “Other Policy Considerations” includes compliance and enforcement, project tracking, and education and outreach. Providing resources and encouraging voluntary participation are two ways to have more success in communities.

Pitkin County uses Green Halo, a C&D tracking system. Michael says the system is intuitive for the contractors to track receipts, and on the administrative side it is easy to have a centralized system. The one challenge with Green Halo has been technical support for contractors that aren’t often on their phones or laptops.

Michael believes there is major value in going on site to meet with contractors. You can see the different scenarios they are working with, promote best practices, and be in person to address any misconceptions.

At the end of the presentation, Michael was asked a few questions from the board.

David addressed the challenges of materials for energy efficient buildings are packaged together tightly and hard to get a part. Has that been an issue for Michael and Pitkin County? Michael believes there needs to be better life cycling thinking of how buildings are constructed. There will continue to be challenges as we continue to create more types of building materials.

Cody Lillstrom brought up the creative solutions he’s heard haulers have come up with to comply with regulations. Michael shared that haulers can bring “skinny 10’s” which are two smaller roll offs and the streams can be separated immediately.

David asked if there are discussions on asphalt shingles as there has been damage to shingles due to the recent hailstorms in Colorado. Circular Colorado has some solutions they are working on but haven’t disclosed specifics. Zan asked if there could be ordinances to require hail-resistant shingles. Michael believes this kind of ordinance is part of the answer to C&D and could reduce the amount of material being thrown away, recycled, or reused.

Mircalla Wozniak asked if this toolkit is more geared toward major remodels and if so, is there a resource for smaller do-it-yourself deconstruction projects. Michael said the toolkit audience is local government to address the projects that need to be regulated. There’s no specific resource for smaller DIY groups but making people aware of the impact of C&D is an important piece. Neal Lurie added that people struggle with getting materials from their house to a location that can reuse things. Resource Central has expanded their pickup services to make it easy for people to get materials to a reuse center. They’ve seen an increase in the community using the pickup service.

4. FRWD – Technical Assistance Service Provider (TASP) discussion

David asked the board if they wanted to discuss anything the county could go forward on with a TASP application.

Noah brought up the board’s 2023 retreat goal of creating boilerplate policy for zero waste ordinances countywide. TASP is willing to do a lot of work to help draft the ordinance language, Noah believes the board should submit an application that is due May 25. Cody Lillstrom started filling in the application in case the board wanted to go forward with it. Lizzie Szorad and the Town of Lafayette are going forward with an application specific to their Town in creating a universal recycling ordinance. Noah asked for a volunteer to write and submit the application. Mircalla and Cody volunteered to

write and submit it on behalf of the board. Noah will write the letter of support required for the application on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.

Kayla Betzold for Louisville let the board know that Louisville is still recovering from the Marshall Fire. This has impacted their diversion rate and their recycling data. However, she believes a recycling ordinance could be the most applicable topic and one that would make the most sense.

David asked for the board to vote on the notion of going forward with a TASP application to create a universal recycling ordinance for the county. David and Zan recuse themselves from the vote as they are both involved in FRWD and TASP. Cody motions to vote, Dan Hoback seconds, unanimous approval.

5. Officer Elections

David let the board know he is happy to continue his term as Chair but would like to open it up to elections if needed. Zan motions for David to do another year as Chair, Dan Hoback seconds, majority votes for David to resume as Chair.

Zan motions for Mircalla to be vice-chair. Dan Hoback seconds, majority votes for Mircalla Wozniak to be vice-chair for the next year.

6. Community Updates

Zan for Ecocycle: Recycle Colorado Summit was engaged and passionate. There was momentum around compost, C&D and EPR.

Kayla asked if there were any updates on compost from the summit. Noah explained that there was lots of discussion around it and compost contamination was listed as one of top three priorities for Recycle Colorado board.

Zan believes that A1 will be not change what they're doing. Two bills were just passed that will help the contamination issue. The keynote speaker at the summit was about ecosystems as models for circular economy. Cody added that the keynote speaker says we need to think about our natural resources in local terms as well as the energy that we consume.

David for CDPHE: One of the bills passed is focusing on compostable packaging and is related to false claims. CDPHE will be creating a complaint line so people can report businesses. This includes a public outreach campaign for local governments.

Another bill passed is a "compost study 2.0" and creates a toolkit for communities to use.

The third bill is a closed landfill remediation bill. There will be a grant program created for landfills. Some of the grant funding will be used to remediate groundwater contamination issues at some landfills.

Angie for CU: Student moveout is finished. There was lots of collaboration with other organizations in Boulder to take items from the moveout for reuse or recycling. CU hosted a yard sale of some of the products to create a closed loop system. Household and food items went to the Buff Pantry.

CU is starting to send some loads of food and fiber to DADS (Denver Arapahoe Disposal Site) Arapahoe County Waste Management landfill to do a pilot with that company. The pilot is going well. It is not a long-term solution but is a way to divert some of the event waste.

Tim Towndrow for Republic Services: Republic acquired GFL. Some of their operations and locations have been transferred over. They are using a FRWD grant to get a screen for organics. That will be at the Foothills Landfill.

Chandra Valenza for RCD asked who would be interested in in-person meetings at the recycling center. David asked for members to raise their hands if they can be in person. There was some interest in this option. Kayla, Mircalla, and David brought up the point that it would be best to have in person meetings once a quarter, so people know when to expect to be in person and when they'll be virtual.

7. Adjourn

David adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.