



# Resource Conservation Advisory Committee (RCAB)

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## Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – January 24, 2024

### **Board Members Present:**

David Snapp – At Large (Chair)  
Angie Gilbert – CU Recycling  
Joe Pitts – Resource Central  
Eric Loof – Western Disposal  
Charles Kamenides – City of Longmont  
Taishya Adams – City of Boulder  
Kathy Carroll – Town of Lyons  
Matt LeBeau – At Large  
Cody Lillstrom – Boulder County Resource Conservation Division (RCD)  
Dan Hoback – Town of Erie  
Zan Jones – EcoCycle  
Aurelia Casarrubias – Town of Superior  
Lisa Evans – City of Lafayette  
Hannah Miller – City of Louisville

### **Board Members not present:**

Bridget Johnson – Jamestown  
Mircalla Wozniak – At Large (vice-chair)  
Tim Towndrow – Hauler  
Leah Haney – Town of Nederland  
Vacant – at large  
Vacant – At Large  
Vacant – Town of Ward

### **County Liaison**

Meghan Wiebe – Boulder County RCD

### **Guests:**

Chandra Valenza – Boulder County RCD  
Eryka Thorley – Town of Erie  
Jamie Harkins – City of Boulder  
Nicole Manesh – City of Longmont  
Susie Hidalgo-Fahring – City of Longmont  
Andrew Sawusch – Town of Erie

A quorum for RCAB is half of the membership plus one. The quorum was met for the January meeting.

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

David Snapp called the meeting to order at 4:50p.m.

### **2. Approval of December 13, 2023 Minutes**

David asked if the December 13, 2023 meeting minutes could be approved.

Dan Hoback motioned to approve, Kathy Carroll seconded the motion, followed by RCAB approval.

### **3. County Updates + RCAB membership update**

Cody Lillstrom shared updates for the county.

The Board of County Commissioners approved the Circular Economy Funding recipients. The recipients for this funding were Community Cycles, EcoCycle, Moksha Chocolate, Resource Central, City of Louisville, and City of Longmont.

Meghan Wiebe shared an update about membership vacancies. There were two at-large community members spots and one spot for the Town of Ward. Two applications came in for the community member spots and approval of those applicants will happen in the coming month.

#### 4. Subcommittee Breakouts

- Universal Recycling Ordinance
  - Members in this subcommittee – Dan Hoback, Lisa Evans, Charles Kamenides, Zan Jones, David Snapp, Eric Loof
  - Notes from breakout room:
    - This subcommittee discussed the template ordinance and progress made to date. Zan, Charlie and David met on Friday, January 19 to discuss the path forward and begin drafting the template. Zan, Charlie and David are planning to meet again on Friday, February 2 to continue to work on the document.
    - The group discussed having two separate templates: one open market hauling template, and one single hauler template. The two templates will include a universal recycling and PAYT language as a base minimum requirement, and then other requirements (curbside composting, HOA inclusion) will be a la cart style.
    - **Actions:**
      - By the February 2 meeting, David will have a rough draft for Charlie and Zan to review. The rough draft will include an outline. Charlie, Zan and David will try to get the edited draft out to the whole subcommittee within a week, or two after February 2.
      - The subcommittee would like to have central electronic folder to store examples of ordinances to reference. David will continue to work with Meghan to find a solution.
- Compost Infrastructure
  - Members in this subcommittee – Taishya Adams, Kathy Carroll, Hannah Miller, Angie Gilbert, Tim Towndrow, Meghan Wiebe
  - Guests who joined for this meeting – Jamie Harkins, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring
  - Notes from breakout room:
    - Kathy Carroll shared that Western Disposal now has a Tiger de-packager. This is a huge win and it's a learning curve.
    - Meghan talked about county discussion around a compost facility which includes a website update. The purpose of the website update is letting the local community know what the process will look like and transparency around the possibility in the future.
    - Municipality representation would like information about the potential of a regional compost facility so they can talk to their respective councils.
- Deconstruction
  - Members in this subcommittee - Cody Lillstrom, Joe Pitts
  - Guest who joined for this meeting – Andrew Sawusch

- Notes from breakout room: Making sure all municipal needs are met in terms of construction and deconstruction. Some communities are building more new homes, where others are remodeling more existing homes.
  - Look for funding to help with offset deconstruction costs
- Outreach
  - Members in this subcommittee – Aurelia Casarrubias, Matt LeBeau
  - Guests who joined for this meeting – Chandra Valenza, Eryka Thorley, Nicole Manesh
  - Notes from breakout room:
    - Identify landing pages that exist already and see what gaps need to be filled
    - Look to Ridwell, Clementine, other waste management companies for inspiration around storytelling, narrative-based communication strategies
    - Look into Google Ad grants, partnering with a nonprofit to promote this group’s communications
    - Identify ways to make shareable and editable comms so they can be updated by jurisdictions as needed

**5. Community Updates**

**Lisa Evans for City of Lafayette:** The city is in the process of creating a climate action plan. They have draft goals that will be put out to the public for feedback.

**Jamie Harkins for City of Boulder:** The citywide bag fee took effect January 1<sup>st</sup> which includes all retail locations. This added about 800 retail locations. There have been many questions coming in that pertain to Plastic Pollution Reduction Act but more on the bag piece rather than Styrofoam.

**Hannah Miller for City of Louisville:** The city has been getting questions about the bag fee for Plastic Pollution Reduction Act in terms of exemptions and who still gets to use plastic bags.

The city still has the bag tax program open to the commercial sector until February 16. This is open for any Louisville business that remits bag tax to the city.

**David Snapp for Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE):** CDPHE is going through stakeholder meetings for the rulemaking of the draft rules of the Extended Producer Responsibility.

They are also holding stakeholder meetings for the closed landfill remediation grant program.

Compost rules are going to the Commission on February 20<sup>th</sup>. These rules will hopefully ease some of the requirements for really small composters so that we can get more community composting occurring.

CDPHE is proposing a 4 cent per cubic yard fee increase at the solid and hazardous waste commission. That is a portion of the fee that supports their program. This will raise the cubic yard price to 17 cents.

**Zan Jones for EcoCycle:** Zan was on the compost panel at ClimateCon in Denver. There is federal money allotted for compost facilities or programs through the Inflation Reduction Act.

EcoCycle and Recycle Colorado are working on several pieces of legislation for the 2024 session. One of the bills is consolidating RREO and FRWD funding mechanisms. Another bill is an “anti-incineration bill” that would prevent plastics to fuel.

There is a public comment opportunity for Extended Producer Responsibility.

**Nicole Manesh for City of Longmont:** Phase 1 of Longmont’s Universal Recycling Ordinance began January 1<sup>st</sup>. They have seen a lot of commercial businesses getting on board and working with Western Disposal on shared bins on Main Street.

They anticipate the greater struggle will be in phase 2 with smaller commercial businesses and multifamily properties. The Circular Economy grant money will go towards implementing this phase smoothly.

Calls and emails that have come through so far have been supportive.

**6. Next Meeting Information**

The February meeting will be held at the University of Colorado, Boulder. The meeting will be in a room at one of the dining halls.

More information like parking and exact address will be sent out via email.

An informal headcount for attendance to this meeting showed that at least 11 members will be attending.

**7. Adjourn**

David adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.