



Resource Conservation Advisory Committee (RCAB)

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Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – August 28, 2024

Board Members present:

Angie Gilbert – CU Recycling (chair)
Hannah Miller – City of Louisville (vice-chair)
Zan Jones – EcoCycle
Lisa Evans – City of Lafayette
Michael Springer – At large
Brian DeCorte – At Large
Bridget Johnson – Jamestown
Cody Lillstrom – Boulder County Resource Conservation Division (RCD)
Conor Dougherty – Resource Central
Kathy Carroll – Town of Lyons
Eric Loof – Western Disposal
Tim Towndrow – Hauler
Taishya Adams – City of Boulder
Dan Hoback – Town of Erie
David Snapp – At Large

Board Members not present:

Charles Kamenides – City of Longmont
Matt LeBeau – At Large
Leah Haney – Town of Nederland
Mircalla Wozniak – At Large
Vacant – Town of Ward
Vacant – Town of Superior

County Liaison:

Meghan Wiebe – Boulder County RCD

Guests:

Susie Hidalgo-Fahring – City of Longmont
Andrew Sawusch – Town of Erie
Jamie Harkins – City of Boulder
Nicole Manesh – City of Longmont
Joe Pitts – Resource Central

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

This meeting was hybrid. Five board members and three guests attended virtually. All other attendees were in person at the Boulder County Recycling Center, 1901 63rd Street, Boulder.

1. Call to order/introductions

Angie Gilbert called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

2. Approval of June Minutes

Angie asked if the June 26, 2024 meeting minutes could be approved. Hannah Miller motioned to approve, Kathy Carroll seconded, followed by member vote approval.

3. Truth in Labeling Bill Presentation, Eco-Products

Meghan Ibach is a Product and Zero Waste Specialist with Eco-Products. She was in attendance to present on the Truth in Labeling Bill and compostable products.

To view the presentation, please see Meghan's PowerPoint in the attachments.

Eco-Products is based in Boulder, and they have over 400 products that are certified compostable. The company is committed to working with compost manufacturers to prove that their products will break down in the manufacturer's systems. They do this through field tests throughout the state.

Meghan explained that Colorado SB-253, Truth in Labeling Bill, makes it more obvious about what is and is not compostable. It does not impact molded fiber like the paper clam shells. The legislation does impact anything that has a bioplastic component

like a clear cold cup. The only enforcement so far is through the reporting tool on the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) webpage.

Meghan introduced a new Eco-Products program called CIRC which stands for Controls Intended to Remove Contamination. CIRC is a customizable tool to build trust and process between operators, composters, haulers, and distributors.

4. Truth in Labeling Workshop Breakout

Due to time, this breakout did not happen.

5. Subcommittee Updates and Moving Forward

Angie asked the board for any updates on subcommittees.

- Universal Recycling Ordinance – No update
- Compost Infrastructure – Meghan Wiebe gave an update that the county is still waiting to get a signed contract with the contractor doing the feasibility study for the possible county compost facility.
- Outreach – No Update
- Deconstruction – This subcommittee has a survey they would like to get out to board members.

Hannah Miller said she is interested in a possible new subcommittee around disaster preparedness when it comes to waste mitigation. Michael Springer said he has previous experience in messaging for flood-specific disasters. David Snapp added that CDPHE is in the process of creating a disaster management plan for local governments.

Taishya Adams had a recommendation for a subcommittee to focus on the upcoming updates to the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan. This would be an opportunity to look at how waste intersects with other topics like transportation and housing.

The future of subcommittees will be further discussed at the next meeting.

6. New Member Introductions, Brian DeCorte

Brian DeCorte shared a little about himself as he is a relatively new RCAB member. Brian's company Ver de Terre is located between Boulder and Longmont at the Tree House Farm Collective. Brian shared the history of Ver de Terre as well as his process for vermicomposting.

To view the presentation, please see Brian's PowerPoint in the attachments.

7. Community updates/organizational updates

Hannah Miller for City of Louisville: The City's EV fleet of collection trucks with Republic is launching on October 1st.

Hannah also did a shoutout for Ecotoberfest, an event happening on October 5th in collaboration with Superior, Erie, and Lafayette.

Kathy Carroll for Town of Lyons: Kathy expressed gratitude to the County, on behalf of the Town of Lyons, for providing compost dumpsters for residential food waste generated due to fire evacuations. She was also thankful to Western Disposal's use of the Tiger depackaging system, residents were able to include all types of packaged food (except glass).

Cody Lillstrom added information that this is the second time RCD has partnered with Western Disposal to divert food waste during a disaster.

Jamie Harkins for City of Boulder: The City is sharing deconstruction successes and lessons learned with many outlets right now, including Moden Steel Magazine.

They are in the middle of a contract with Eco-Cycle where they are creating a Reuse Hub accessible via their website to highlight circular/reuse businesses in Boulder County.

Boulderthon will be the first road race in Boulder to use reusable cups (working with the company Hiccup).

David Snapp: CDPHE's Statewide Organics Management Plan 2.0 was released in early August.

Zan Jones for EcoCycle: To help scale composting efforts, Eco-Cycle joined forces with Closed Loop Partners to develop a municipal toolkit: "[How Organics Diversion Can Help Achieve Zero Waste Goals: A Blueprint for Scaling Collection and Composting Infrastructure.](#)" This comprehensive guide provides municipalities across the US with actionable steps to launch or scale up composting programs including policy, program, infrastructure and communications strategies.

8. Adjourn

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