

Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board (RCAB)

Meeting Minutes from February 25, 2026- Quarter 1

Board Members Present

Cody Lillstrom – Boulder County representative
Lisa Evans – Lafayette representative
Nicole Manesh – Longmont representative (*secretary*)
Cass Grady – Nederland representative
Emily Walsh – Superior representative
Masyn Moyer – Ward representative
Eric Loof – Hauling Business Licensed in Boulder County
Angie Gilbert – Academic / Educational Institution (*chair*)
Suzanne ‘Zan’ Jones – Environmental Non-profit or Advocacy Group
Tim Towndrow – Recycling, Composting or C&D Processor
Michael Springer – Member-at-Large
Mimi Yanus – Member-at-Large

County Liaison

Meghan Wiebe – Boulder County Board Liaison

Guests

Emma Marino – Town of Erie
Jamie Harkins – City of Boulder
Holly Bowers – Community member from Lafayette

Board Members Not Present

Bridget Johnson – Jamestown Representative
Logan Johnson – Louisville Representative (*Vice Chair*)
Conor Dougherty – Material Reuse
David Snapp – Member-at-Large
Samuel Kooijmans – Member-at-Large
Dan Hoback – Erie Representative
Taishya Adams – Boulder Representative
Vacant – Lyons Representative

Quorum

A quorum for RCAB is half of the membership plus one. Quorum was met for the February Quarter 1 meeting. This meeting was held at the Boulder County Recycling Center Classroom Space. There was a hybrid option. Zero RCAB members were virtual and the rest were in-person.

Call to Order / Welcome/Introductions

Angie called meeting to order. Attendees introduced themselves.

Ice breaker question- favorite girl scout cookies?

Samoas – 5 votes

Thin Mints – 7 votes

Tagalong/Do-si-dos/Peanut Butter flavored- 5 votes

Approval of Minutes

Michael motioned to approve February's meeting minutes, Mircalla seconded/approved.

Rules for Meeting Side Quest

Nicole gave rules for side quest, which focused on Representative Sector Spotlights later in the meeting.

Presentation- Recycle Colorado, Ally Byzewski

Small team, 2 staff members.

Mission: to advance infrastructure, end markets, and state and local policies in waste reduction, recovery, and diversion.

Focused on waste reductions, diversion, recycling and composting. Offers policy and local policy support for state and local levels.

Council & Committees: Colorado Composting Council, Construction and Deconstruction (C&D) Council, Policy Committee, Greater Colorado Council

Colorado Composting Council: Champions the growth and success of the composting industry by advancing organics recycling, compost manufacturing, and strong end markets.

Colorado Composting Sites:

CESQ Small Community Composter – 45 facilities

Class 1 Yard Waste – 8 facilities

Class 2 Manure – 3 facilities

Class 3 Large Commercial – 17 facilities

Compostable Materials: still having contamination issues. Until these decreases and education on accepted materials is increased, these materials will not be accepted.

Mircalla asked about comparisons to composting facilities in California to find contamination issues. Ally discussed some of their common issues.

Zan mentioned California has their own issues and talked about how to scall effectively without having contaminants, organics compost versus industrial compost and what is financially viable to A1 Organics.

Cody mentioned that California does not accept compostable bags in their compost collection. Composting to scale is not easy. Boulder County's new compost vessel in Nederland is not taking compostable bags. Back to basics suggestion for successful compost.

Michael brought up not putting genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in compost from products labeled as biodegradable.

Tim asked about how the sites get classified, Ally responded with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) setting the certifications and classifications.

Legislative Victories at the State level, most recently HB24-1449: Environmental Sustainability Circular economy and SB25-163: Battery Stewardship Program.
For a copy of full list on the slide deck please email Meghan Wiebe,
mwiebe@bouldercounty.gov.

Recycle Colorado's next Lobby Day is March 12th this year. Supporting using Salvaged Lumber in New Construction and increasing Organic Waste Diversion in Colorado.

Meghan spoke about the salvage lumber efforts, about the International 2027 building code updates that municipalities will be able to adopt and about the work that the C&D Working group is currently doing.

The 2026 Summit for Recycling will be June 1-3, 2026, in Westminster. 3 days of session and tours focused on waste diversion and solutions. Colorado's largest event convening waste, recycling and composting professionals.

Scholarships for young professionals, students, and "boots on the ground" staff.
Angie asked when scholarships open, Ally said it would open in 2 weeks.

Poster Contest to engage students and young advocates.

Meghan asked what Ally's favorite summit tour? Ally, responded with Clean Valley Recycling in La Junta with student volunteers.

For Ally's contact information and for a copy of the slide deck please email Meghan Wiebe, mwiebe@bouldercounty.gov.

Representative – Sector Spotlights

Representatives presented on sector spotlights and answered member questions on programs.

For copy of the sector spotlights slide deck with full details please email Meghan Wiebe, mwiebe@bouldercounty.gov.

Break/Interactive Quiz

Break was given.

5-min interactive member quiz based on side quest rules and sector spotlights.

Community/Organizational Updates

Zan, Eco-Cycle turning 50 this year- big celebration/fundraiser. Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials (CHaRM) is turning 25 years. 50 years of progress to celebrate. Eco-Cycle is going to have exhibit at the Boulder museum. EV Battery bill passed with bipartisan support. Colorado rule to govern methane SB26-101, would create loopholes and would allow folks to not comply.

Cody, Boulder County Recycling Center turns 25 this year.

Angie CU recycling program is turning 25 this year.

Meghan handed out flyers for upcoming event from Chandra. The compost facility project is still going on; they are in the site exploration phase. Boulder County applied for impact accelerator grant to explore C&D ordinance guidance. Awards will be announced in April.

Jamie, City of Boulder close to releasing their resource hub- how folks can interact with circular economy and resources on reuse stores, locations, etc. Council updates in August on code changes for deconstruction ordinance to increase enforcement.

Eric, Western Disposal things are going well with construction diversion.

Tim, Republic Services, their recycling facility in Denver is updating to bailors and new EV fleet, will have about 20 new EV trucks by end of 2026 in Commerce City.

Michael shared that 5280 purchase Colorado Compost, Wompost and some other facilities.

Nicole, City of Longmont are kicking off two-year education campaign with Eco-Cycle and will be releasing 'Where Does My Waste Go' video series soon.

Angie, CU Boulder is getting 1 EV recycling truck.

RCAB Announcements

Meghan spoke about results from group votes on setting up tours soon this year. Everything to be set soon.

Adjourn

Cassidy motioned to adjourn, Emily seconded. Meeting was adjourned.