



Sustainability Office

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Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – August 23, 2017

Present:

Darla Arians – Boulder County
Jack DeBell – CU Recycling (phone)
Michael Donovan – At-Large
Chris Hanson – Town of Superior
Bryce Isaacson – Western Disposal
Suzanne Jones – Eco-Cycle
Charles Kamenides – City of Longmont
Neal Lurie – Center for ReSource
Conservation
Shari Malloy – At-Large
Dan Matsch – Town of Lyons
Roger Pacheco – Republic Services
Mark Persichetti – City of Louisville
Tim Plass – At-Large
Stephanie Walton – City of Lafayette

Ken Wilson – At Large

RCAB Staff Liaison:

Leigh Ratterman – Commissioners'
Office/Sustainability
Tyler Kesler – Commissioners'
Office/Sustainability

Guests:

Kevin Afflerbaugh – Western Disposal
Alexis Bullen – City of Boulder
Jamie Harkins – City of Boulder
Brandon Hill – Center for ReSource
Conservation
Lisa Knoblauch – City of Longmont
Lisa Skumatz (phone)

Active Members Not Present:

Russ Callas – At-Large
Shirley Garcia – City & County of Broomfield
Bridget Johnson – Town of Jamestown
Chris Pelletier – Town of Nederland
Lisa Morzel – City of Boulder

1. Call to Order

Chair Charles Kamenides called the meeting to order at 4:50 pm

2. Approval of June 28, 2017 Minutes

Suzanne Jones motioned for approval and Neal Lurie seconded; unanimous vote approved.

3. Community Updates

- **Boulder County Resource Conservation Division** – County staff are still in negotiations on the bid process for the operations of the Boulder County Recycling Center. Capital improvements have been completed, which include two optical-sorters for plastics that are currently in the testing phase. New guidelines for employees as well as what can be recycled will be implemented with the new equipment. A huge thank-you to Eco-Cycle, who helped to save \$164,000 by allowing them to store material on-site during construction, instead of shipping them off-site to other facilities. ACTION: RCAB would be interested in taking a tour.

- **Boulder County Sustainability Office** –Phase 1 of the Carbon Sequestration project, which includes pilot program recommendations, will be completed this fall. CSU researchers will be invited to a future RCAB meeting to update.
- **Center for ReSource Conservation** – CRC has been working on a proposal to make capital improvements at 6400 Arapahoe in order to increase waste diversion. The partnership has been endorsed by the City of Boulder’s Capital Tax Working Group and should be voted on Sept. 5th. CRC has proposed building a mixed C&D drop-off “bunker” that will allow contractors to drop-off larger loads all at once. This could result in a significantly higher diversion rate from this material stream and have a major overall annual impact. The City of Boulder’s Capital Tax and matched funds will go to voters on the next ballot for this improvement. CRC hopes that RCAB and their networks will support this capital improvement. Also, the Tool Library has been expanded by about 30 new tools as well as replacements for worn out tools.
- **Colorado University** – It was great welcoming the Missoula visitors in June. We have had great follow-up conversations since touring the recycling facilities. Jack will bring RCAB samples of plastic bags to show off as they are being shipped off to LDPE to manufacture. If interested, there will be opportunities for members of the community to purchase as well. Resource Recycling Conference in Minneapolis is happening next week, where members will be voting on new board members. We could begin to add national updates to RCAB’s agenda if everyone is interested.
- **Lafayette** – Peach Festival is one of the town’s two Zero Waste (ZW) events and had a result of 85% diversion rate last weekend. It is a free event to the public so each vendor is required to have ZW products; however, there is traffic from visitors that may not be educated on ZW techniques. It is great to have support for this event from the County.
- **Longmont** – Rhythm on the River took place this last month and ZW diversion rate was around 70%. Longmont will be meeting with all those who help run the event to figure out how to increase diversion rates for future events. The Curbside Composting Program and “Pay As You Throw” has 3,650 customers which have resulted in over 200 tons being diverted thus far.
- **Louisville** - Street Fair diversion waste results are being calculated and they will have an update next month. Green Business Recognition Program will be an exciting main focus again this year in partnership with PACE.
- **Superior** – Chris Hanson, Town of Superior Trustee, has been assigned as liaison with RCAB and had the first meeting last week with the Town of Superior Board and they are very excited about what RCAB is doing.

4. Special Topic: Chair and Co-Chair Elections

Nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair Elections are:

Chair: Charles Kaminedes

Co-Chair: Tim Plass.

This vote unanimously approved by RCAB at 5:26pm.

5. Special Topic: City of Boulder presents a new Zero Waste education videos

Alexis Bullen, City of Boulder Communications Specialist, and has been working on the new ZW ordinance that is now in effect. The “Sorting 101” video was presented to RCAB. The City is opening up discussions to other municipalities to be involved as well to share the footage with intent to create a County-wide version. There is also a new hotline that you can report businesses and MFUs who are not participating in the new

ordinance as well as other items such as potholes, etc. Website:
www.zerowasteboulder.com

6. RCAB 2017 Goals and Projects - Subcommittees

- Food Waste – has been active and would like to declare the first week of October as “Save the food” week in Boulder County. They will be asking for help from RCAB members to push this out to their networks. National initiatives are working to improve food expiration dates by limiting the amount of terms used which confuses the consumer. There is also a national initiative to use “ugly” foods that they would like to begin campaigning with throughout Boulder County.
- Zero Waste Action Plan & Zero Waste Policies Groups – Kate Bailey at Eco-Cycle is helping to create a tool that will outline all of the details of each goal in the ZWAP and illustrate how each community is making progress. This process and tool will also be used to update the plan if applicable.
- Composting Subcommittee – Met today and were updated on what the CSU team is doing on the carbon farming pilot project. This has come from RCAB’s recommendation to the Commissioners to do a carbon farming project to see if we could reduce carbon in the atmosphere by sequestering it in rangelands, grassland and/or agriculture land through applied composting. CSU is exploring the most efficient way to scale a project to use as many organic materials as possible.
- E-Waste Subcommittee – has not met yet
- Fun Subcommittee – has not met recently

Adjournment: Charles Kaminedes called the meeting to a close at 6:15 pm