



# Sustainability Office

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## Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2017

### Present:

Darla Arians – Boulder County  
Jack DeBell – CU Recycling  
Michael Donovan – At-Large  
Bridget Johnson –Town of Jamestown (phone)  
Bryce Isaacson – Western Disposal  
Suzanne Jones – Eco-Cycle  
Charles Kamenides – City of Longmont  
Neal Lurie – Center for ReSource  
Conservation  
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:

Kennedy Roddy—Boulder County/Resource  
Conservation Division

### Guests:

Kevin Afflerbaugh – Western Disposal  
Rick Kattar—Boulder County/Resource  
Conservation Division  
J. Cody Lillstrom—Boulder County/Resource  
Conservation Division  
Chris Gallagher –LID Landscapes

### Active Members Not Present:

Russ Callas – At-Large  
Shirley Garcia – City & County of Broomfield  
Chris Hanson – Town of Superior  
Shari Malloy – At-Large  
Lisa Morzel – City of Boulder  
Chris Pelletier – Town of Nederland

### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Charles Kaminides called the meeting to order at 4:51 pm

### **2. Approval of August 23, 2017 Minutes**

Jack Debell motioned for approval and Dan Matsch seconded; unanimous vote approved.

### **3. Community Updates**

- **Boulder County Resource Conservation Division** – The ribbon cutting for the new optical sorting installments was announced to be set for Wed, Oct. 11 with a public tour from 12-1:30pm at the Boulder County Recycling Center. Performance testing is set for the week of Oct. 15. The Recycling Center’s operations contract was awarded to Eco-Cycle. Signing of the contract will occur Thurs, Sept. 28, 2017. (Applause all around)
- **Center for ReSource Conservation**-- Pilot project aimed at resale of trees killed from Ash Borer has been a hit with customers, followed by significant demand from the public. The second Boulder County Council officially endorsed the Capital Tax Improvement measure for the Zero Waste Community Center. Going out to voters for approval on the next ballot.

- **City of Boulder** – Nearing completion of public waste bin conversion to be zero waste compliant in all areas. The Hill, Pearl Street, Boulder Reservoir, Parks, etc. are all complete.
- **Colorado University** –Updates on wanting to make the closed-loop recycling process available for LDPE film. Forwarding on link to video of this process. Announced an invitation to attend CU Buffs upcoming football games, specifically Sat, Oct. 7 vs Arizona, Sat, Oct. 28 vs UC Berkeley, and Sat, Nov. 11 vs South Carolina. Currently working on contracts and agreements to provide the community with better opportunities for involvement with the university. Recognition given to CU student for launch of AMP Robotics who used the engineering labs at CU to test Cortex, a robotic optical sorter now seen in MRF's.
- **Eco-Cycle**—Previous 9 months dedicated to contract with the Boulder County Resource Conservation Division. Announces new recycling guidelines should be finalized by tomorrow and can be discussed next month.**Longmont** – Continuing to pursue CNG for their hauling trucks. Starting scope on RFP projects.
- **Jamestown** –Green Girl Recycling has diverted 14,702lbs of recycling through Sept. 2017. Work will begin this fall on the culvert at Gillespie Gulch located at the intersection of Main and 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Crews currently working to replace culverts in James Canyon. Work expected to continue until Dec. 2018. The Town Square in Jamestown in now complete. The project team was proud to feature the work of many local contractors. The Town of Jamestown received a grant for the Ramada in the Town Square from Lefthand Brewing Co. Foundation which was presented to representatives at the Oktoberfest Celebration. Community Gardens are nearing completion and a volunteer day is scheduled for Fri, Sept. 29. CU Instructor, Martha Russo, works with CU Art and Engineering students to construct Anvil-shaped picnic table. The Anvil represents Jamestown's history of anvil launches during 4th of July festivities. Project expected to be complete Dec. 2017.
- **Louisville** – Received their Summer Street Fair diversion rate report from Western Disposal. Overall, 67% diversion rate which is a combination of compost and recycling. However, rate was probably higher and more reflective of the previous year, around 90-92% diversion.
- **Western Disposal** –Converting fleet trucks to CNG at 85%. Purchasing everything going into the pipeline. Currently standing at 68% conversion rate in all vehicles. Ultimate conversion goal is 100%.

**4. Special Topic: Resource Conservation presents Results of the 2017 Spring Cleanup Events**

Cody J. Lillstrom, Resource Conservation Division's Zero Waste Program Manager, discussed the results of this year's Spring Cleanup Events. Thus far, \$11,684 spent in total, however, Jamestown and Eldorado Springs have not occurred yet.

- Niwot: 20% increase compared to 2016, especially in lumber which is likely due to the prior snow storm.
- Gold Hill: Gold Hill opted to buy two trash roll-offs this year instead of one. Much less participation compared to past years. Bi-annual events are now up for consideration.

- Ward: Nearly 20% lower diversion rate. Possible reason for decrease could be due to the fact that the event occurred on their regular “trash day” which also may have led to a lack of sorting.
- Allenspark: Excellent diversion rates—About an 8% increase compared to 2016. Cody will send out spread sheets of the towns’ data.

**5. Special Topic: Resource Conservation presents Update on Recycling Center Upgrades and Operations**

Rick Kattar, Resource Conservation Division’s Recycling Operations Analyst, provided the Boulder County Recycling Center Quarterly Report and other updates. Many of the newly accepted plastics were ones commonly seen in the MRF prior to the upgrades and are now fully able to be processed. Steel and Metal Markets have risen but are remaining stable. Correction on the ‘Key Performance Indicators’ slide: Tons Per Run Hour—24 -25, Tons Per Paid House—22-23, Uptime—95%, Residue—about 6-7%. Numbers trending in positive direction

**6. RCAB 2018 Zero Waste Funding**

Cody J. Lillstrom presented this years’ funding opportunity and asked for volunteers for the funding committee. Members Bryce Isaacson, Michael Donovan, Shirley Garcia, Charles Kaminedes, and Ken Wilson all volunteered for the funding committee.

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