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Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – July 24, 2019

Present:

Jack DeBell – CU Recycling
Brandon Hill – Resource Central (phone)
Bryce Isaacson – Western Disposal
Charles Kamenides – City of Longmont
Stephanie Walton – City of Lafayette
Dan Matsch – Town of Lyons
Chris Pelletier – Town of Nederland
Mark Persichetti – City of Louisville
Suzanne Jones – Eco-Cycle
Tim Plass – At-Large
Eric Smith – At Large
David Snapp – At Large (CDPHE)
Ken Wilson – At Large
Russ Callas – At-Large

Active Members Not Present:

Bart Spedon – Republic Services
Sam Weaver – City of Boulder
Darla Arians – Boulder County
Bridget Johnson – Town of Jamestown

RCAB Staff Liaison:

Tim Broderick – Commissioners'
Office/Sustainability
Deandra Croissant – Commissioners'
Office/Sustainability (sub for Tyler Kesler)

Guests:

Juri Freeman – RRS
JD Lindeberg – RRS

1. Call to Order

Charles Kamenides called the meeting to order at 4:46 pm.

2. Approval of June 26, 2019 Minutes

June Minutes were approved; Tim Plass motioned and unanimous RCAB approval.

3. Community Updates & Public Comment

- **Jamestown** - Green Girl Recycling held a Zero Waste event in Jamestown for July 4th. The event was a huge success.
- **At Large** – There will be a deconstruction workshop at CDPHE in Cherry Creek on August 29th. Please come if your municipality has experience or interest in Construction and Demolition diversion.
- **Eco Cycle** – The select climate committee of the US congress is having its first hearing and it is going to be in Boulder. The discussion will revolve around climate mitigation strategies, including zero waste efforts and carbon sequestration. The event will also discuss how cities in the state of CO can achieve their 100% renewable energy commitment, in addition to CO's state climate plans and the new legislation the governor passed. Fort Collins will also be featured. State Level Zero Waste Interim Committee had first meeting that ran 8 hours and individuals testified on different issues. The committee gets to come up with two bills that don't count on each legislators' 5 bill cap. Possible ideas include organic management and carbon sequestration. Randy from Eco Cycle is using his role of Chair at Recycle Colorado to

fund various field trips and activities. One of the ideas is to tour different waste facilities to demonstrate the circular economy for one material.

- **City of Lafayette** – Lafayette is busy with their Zero Waste Event and are gearing up for the Peach Festival which is August 17th. For the third year, the food waste from the festival will be given to a farmer in the local area. However, it is noted that last year there was minimal food waste, so vendors are planning better. Lafayette has also passed a budget to create a Sustainability Plan, and are having workshops on sustainability, building codes and solar codes.
- **CU Boulder** – The Dead and Company concerts’ zero waste efforts were successful. In and outside the perimeter they diverted 70%. Inside they achieved a diversion rate of 90%. This included: 6.5 tons of plastic containers, 6 tons of organic compost and 5 tons of water soaked trash. Lessons learned: make sure waste containers are in proper locations. For example, some bins were in walkways and elevator shafts which presented a potential safety issue. Jack also thanked BCRC and their sponsor at Ball Corp as they will begin using their new aluminum cups at the first home game this season.
- **City of Boulder** – City of Boulder is working with the consultant, Metabolic, who specialize in circular economy. After Charlotte, Boulder will be the second city to do this. The City hopes this will help them accelerate their zero waste efforts.
- **Town of Lyons** – Lyons is in the process of updating their Sustainability Action Plan and it is going very well. Lyons was in the process of doing this back in 2013 when the flood hit. FEMA and 10% of Lyons participated in the working groups.
- **City of Longmont** – At the Rhythm on the River event, the City of Longmont reached a 75% diversion rate Longmont has partnered with Western Disposal and are engaging small businesses and Latino owned restaurants on zero waste practices. Construction is moving forward on their renewable natural gas Facility, and in a couple months RCAB will be invited to tour.
- **Resource Conservation Division** – “Don’t Ignite Recycle Right” battery campaign is kicking off this month. This campaign was inspired by the growing number of battery-induced MRF fires happening globally, including 2-3 fires per year at the BCRC. RCD has promotional materials available are encouraging all communities to get the word out. The Hazardous Materials Facility accepts alkaline batteries so they can be diverted from the MRF and landfills. The education campaign runs through the remainder of 2019.

4. RRS Phase II Compost & C&D Study kick-off presentation:

- **Introduction**- RRS Consultants have been contracted by Boulder County to do the Phase II of the C&D Compost Analysis Study. Tim Broderick is acting as the project manager for Boulder County. RRS was in town for a couple days to have the kickoff meeting with internal stakeholders at Boulder County, complete initial visits of potential sites, and present the plan to RCAB and have fruitful discussion on plans, criteria, and desired outcomes. RRS explained there have been lots of conversations about what to do with compost and C&D in Boulder County.
- **Project Schedule**– RRS will complete site analysis, due diligence review of past work, fatal flaw analysis of options, assess the revenue stream, and provide a list of recommendations to the county (in about 3 months).

- RRS is working with an engineering firm and reviewing existing sites and data. This information will be presented to Boulder County stakeholders in 6-7 Weeks. Next, there will be a 3-4 day meeting/workshop where this data is presented. At the end of these few days they hope to have a decision on the direction to go in. In the final month or so RRS will fill in the gaps and then come back to the County with recommendations in October.
- **Roles and Responsibilities** - Tim Broderick shared there are a variety of inputs within the county and RCAB who are going to be reviewing all this information. He went over roles and decision-making authority, with the BOCC (the ultimate decision makers), the Executive Advisory Board, Sustainability Tax Subcommittee, and RCAB (key informants to the decision makers).
- **Map of sites** - Old Longmont landfill is the only site that is currently zoned to handle C&D. Places potentially for transfer of materials are Larimer County and 5280, a privately-owned firm in Denver. The mileage on the map is the distance from Boulder (mainly for JD, as he is from out of town).
- **Criteria** – RRS presented their current criteria for the project: Capital costs; ongoing operational costs (\$/ton), level of control, business risk to the county, environmental impact (GHG, carbon farming, water, energy); diversion (tons), community impact.

5. RCAB open positions, vice and chair elections:

The positions of Erie, Ward, and Superior are open, accepting applications at RCAB until August 23. Charlie sent out this information to the municipalities but has yet to receive anything back. Vice and Chair elections typically happen in May but due to lack of quorum they will occur in August. RCAB members to bring nominations next month.

6. Food Waste Awareness Week update:

- Set for Sept 9-14. Originally this was going to be part of Earth week, but there wasn't enough time, so it is going to be tied to start of school year, connected with BVSD and SVVSD. Boulder.Earth is going to be the host/ online platform and graduate students are working on what the content will be. If you know of anything exciting, send Tim B an email. The soft launch of the site is August 20th and there will be a calendar on the site that people can access listing various events and panels. Funding is from the City of Boulder.

7. Boulder County Communications Meeting update:

- This now independent from RCAB committee, and discussed the zero waste scorecard, and reviewing the Food Waste Awareness Week. Next agenda items: unifying messaging around wish cycling, and prepping for America's Recycle Day.

Adjournment: Charlie Kamenides adjourned the meeting at 6:18 pm.