

GE 4.08 (Collaboration with Stakeholders, Regulators and Interested Parties). Achieving the county's Objective regarding oil and gas activities requires not only a thorough review of local regulations but also communication and cooperation between the county, other levels of government and organizations involved in the oil and gas industry and in the study of oil and gas development and exploration. To this end, the county has appointed a Local Governmental Designee pursuant to Rule 214 of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. In addition, the county is committed to working with stakeholders, regulators and interested parties to:

- a) Identify and address deficiencies in regulating detrimental land use and surface impacts as well as environmental and health impacts;
- b) Continue review of studies, data and other information to ensure regulations and implementation measures are presently addressing or need revising to incorporate the most contemporary research on impacts and technological advances;
- c) Monitor state and federal legislation and policies, to be followed when deemed necessary by lobbying, letters of support and advocacy, and dissemination of information to enhance local protection for land use, surface impacts, public health and the environment;
- d) Investigate the feasibility and utility of entering into memoranda of understanding (MOUs), intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) or other accords with industry, the state, and other public or private sector interests where the outcome will help facilitate the implementation of these policies; and
- e) Consider addressing impacts of oil and gas development by acquiring and retiring mineral estates interests on a willing seller-willing buyer basis where appropriate.

GE 4.09 (Public Engagement by Oil and Gas Applicants). The county will require that applicants for oil and gas exploration and development directly engage with local communities, residents and other stakeholders at each phase of a development plan, starting prior to exploration, in order to provide sufficient opportunity for comment on plans, operations and performance, listen to concerns, and respond appropriately and promptly.

GE 4.10 (Water Rights). Boulder County shall not lease or sell any of its current or future water rights for oil and gas exploration and development.

GE 4.11 (Agricultural Land Restoration and Reclamation). Agricultural land preservation and conservation is a core goal and value of the BCCP. Oil and gas operations will be required to restore and reclaim all on and off-site agricultural lands impacted by any activity related to exploration, development, infrastructure installation, closure, and transportation to the soil tilth, productivity, and/or drainage patterns that were in place prior to the initiation of oil and gas operations.

GE 4.12 (Applicants' Acceptance of Responsibility and Liability). Boulder County will require explicit commitments by applicants to accept responsibility and liability for compensation and/or mitigation of directly and indirectly related costs, nuisances, damages and adverse impacts as a condition for issuance of permits dealing with oil and gas resource exploration and production.