

Meeting Minutes  
August 15, 2007  
Greening of State Government Coordinating Council

Attendees: See the attached Council roster for a list of all members. Mark Cavanaugh, Heidi VanGenderen, Diane Rodriguez, Annette Quill, Brett Jackson, Nancy Griffith, and Cheryl Hodges were unable to attend. Heather Allen tried to attend by phone – but Angie didn't have the conference bridge set up!

New Council Members were introduced. They are Joel Pavelis, Business Enterprise Program (DHS), Patty Pettus from the Department of Corrections, Elling Myklebust and Tom Browning from Department of Natural Resources, and Karen Kuhlmann representing the Colorado Senate. Karen expects a permanent representative from the Senate and the House to be named soon. Chris Smith attended on behalf of the Governor's Office of Policy and Initiatives.

Chris Smith reported that a Sustainable Transit Committee has been formed to study employee commuting with the goal of reducing the number of employee's commuting in single-occupancy vehicles. The Committee meets once a month and will engage RTD in a discussion about State employee ridership and eco-Pass.

John Utterback, State Purchasing Director, gave an update on the implementation of House Bill 07-1220. Emergency rules were adopted in early August, with the permanent rules hearing scheduled for 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 6 at 633 17<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. State Purchasing is ready to begin work on the broader Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) Policy, which will encompass the HB 1220 requirements.

Patrick Hamel, CDPHE, announced a water rebate through Denver Water. If your office is interested in working on a water conservation project, let Patrick know and check out the rebate information at: <http://www.denverwater.org/>

The Governor's Energy Office was contacted by two companies who would like to provide products under a Pilot project. Angie will send this information to John Utterback for his review and approval before sending it on to the Council.

Best Practice sharing – Elling Myklebust, Colorado State Parks reported on a woody biomass project (State Parks received a \$100,000 grant) and some research done on electric plug-in hybrid vehicles.

Art Hale, State Fleet Manager, and Rick Malinowski, Manager, Central Services, presented information about the state fleet and ideas to reduce the amount of petroleum used in the operation of state vehicles. A copy of their presentations is attached.

Next steps – a work group (sub-set of the Green Council) will be formed to complete the transportation efficiency audit.

Next meeting - 9 a.m. Wednesday, September 19 at 1525 Sherman Street Suite 610. The third week of September is National Pollution Prevention week.

Please refer your employees to this Web site for information: <http://www.epa.gov/p2week/>  
National Pollution Prevention week is a great time to rally your green team and start thinking about all of the ways you can reduce your office waste and carbon footprint. See you next month.