



Attending: Patricia Mason, David Stewart, Lindsay Weber, Rebecca White, Katie Navin, Bradley Kieding, Lisa Bardwell, Karen Hancock, Bill Hayes, Quint Redmond, Kim Hargraves-Tyrrell, Andrew Flynn, Jarrett Smith

Not Attending: Beth Chacon, Thomas Riggle, Mary Jo Lockbaum

Staff: Eric Heyboer, Lynette Myers, Rachel Wilson-Roussel, Brian Young

Board Updates

Each board member was allowed the opportunity to share pertinent news about their work and any projects they were undertaking. Highlights included:

- Lynette will be holding an introduction to the ELP event on February 11th at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. So far there are over 90 RSVP's
- The City of Aurora has sent out an RFP for a no-cost contract for recycling. They also received a Recharge grant to install three dual chargers for a new city parking garage.
- Clean Cities is holding ride and drive events and continuing work on their school idling reduction program. They are also looking for ways to continue their Skip the Trip program in Weld County beyond June when the funding ends.
- University of Colorado is looking to create a Car-to-Go island at the Anschutz Medical Campus making it easier to make trips to the campus from downtown. The university also applied for a TIP grant to add shuttle service from the light rail to campus.
- Boulder is considering an ordinance to require commercial businesses to recycle and food services to compost. The ordinance will be voted on in May.
- Boulder is looking at a second ordinance that requires energy reporting for over businesses over 50,000 sq ft.
- Boulder County now has two cannabis facilities online with e-gauges and should have 20 more online in February. Once they have information on how they these facilities are using energy, the county can help them reduce usage.
- Brad's new business is very active. They offer environmental inspection services to operators in the DJ basin and twice a month inspections for controlling pollution sources.
- Governor Hickenlooper named Shailen Bhatt as the new CDOT Executive Director. Mr. Bhatt served as the Cabinet Secretary of the Delaware Department of Transportation.
- The Governor's Agriculture forum is on February 26th.
- Denver Water is draining Antero reservoir in order to work on the dam. Once work has been completed, it will take a few years to refill the reservoir completely.
- Earthforce lost two staff members and is looking to revise the SOW for the Green Schools Connect program.
- Katie is gearing up for the annual CAEE conference and awards celebration on March 28th.
- Andrew has accepted a new position with Olsson Associates in Golden.
- USGBC Colorado has launched their EBOM series courses that were funded through PPAB.

RREO Update

RREO Rebate Package

Eric presented the RREO rebate packet which is set to be released to the public on February 1. There were only

minor changes and the scope of the rebate is the same. This is the final rebate application that the program will post in February as the program is transitioning to an annual August release.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the rebate package provided that Eric change the date to Feb. 2 since Feb. 1 was a Sunday. The motion passed.

The board suggested spending some additional time at an April or May meeting discussing the RREO program and additional possibilities for supporting in-state end markets and a public service campaign.

Overview of Economic Study

Key findings:

- Recycling, reuse and remanufacturing sustains more than 85,000 jobs in Colorado.
- \$1.3 billion in state and local tax revenue is created.
- The industry accounts for 5% of Colorado's total economic output.

Recycling is an economic engine and worth investing in. The board discussed ways they could assist in getting the word out. There is a press release on the Department's website.

Assistance Committee Strategic Plan

The board reviewed the AC's plan and provided feedback to Eric. Comments included:

- Possible larger focus on education and outreach;
- Research transportation barriers, discuss rail;
- Forming a subcommittee to look at the most effective strategies for waste diversion (e.g., bottle bill, PAYT, etc)

The department is looking at a statewide waste management plan and is in the very early stages of designing what that might look like. The board would like to ask solid waste to come and present on this idea and plan at the April or May meeting.

Decision Item – Success Story

The board discussed allowing a small amount of additional funds to be used to create a success story on Spring Back Colorado as a way to spread the good word about RREO. Staff propose taking a slightly different approach this year.

A motion was made to approve the additional funds to create a success story. Motion passed.

If any board members are interested in attending the CAFR Summit in Vail June 7 – 9th, the Department can cover your costs.

SARA Database

The board had approved \$10,000 to be used this year in upgrading the department's SARA database. The system is currently difficult to use and maintain. While the department began efforts to upgrade to a new system several years ago, there have since been a variety of changes identified that need to be completed before the department can begin using the system. For example, the current version of the forms have new range codes, BACT numbers, etc. Furthermore the system is inefficient for billing purposes. A company called Client Solv developed the new system in 2009 and is the company we are contracting with to make the additional changes and build in QA/QC checks as well.

The costs for making the proposed upgrades was greater than expected, therefore, the department respectfully requested additional funding to complete the upgrade. The board asked if it would be helpful for a small amount to

be allocated to maintenance costs each year so that we can make tweaks as needed instead of waiting for major upgrades. Lynette and Brian will ask the company if there would be a maintenance option, but this would be very helpful if possible.

A motion was made and seconded to approve additional funds for SARA database. Motion passed.

Update from Water Reuse Subcommittee

The water reuse subcommittee met on January 15, 2015 to further refine tasks associated with the objective to provide educational opportunities on water reuse and harvesting. There are several organizations working on this issue including:

- [WaterReuse Colorado](#)
- [RMWEA/RMSAWWA Joint Water Reuse Committee](#)
- CDPHE's Water Quality Division – [Regulation 84](#) and [86](#)
- [Division of Water Resources, DNR](#)

The board would like to hold a meeting devoted to learning more about this topic in March, but first would like a basic introduction to the major issues. Dave and Rachel will put together a brief summary on the topic and send to the group.

Zero Emission Vehicle MOU

The Southwest Energy Efficiency Project put together a draft letter to Governor Hickenlooper hoping to give more attention to zero emission vehicles. The governor signed an MOU regarding his commitment to CNG vehicles, but did not sign a similar MOU for EV's. The letter offers several strategies such as issuing an Executive Order, developing public and private partnerships, and multi-state partnership to build EV corridors.

Current signatories include: Alliance for Sustainable Colorado, Colorado EV coalition, SWEEP, City of Boulder, Boulder County, Western Resource Advocates, Northern Colorado Clean Cities, and New Belgium Brewery.

A motion was made and seconded to have the board sign onto the letter that is sent to the governor.

During the discussion the board agreed that it is important for Beth Chacon at Xcel Energy to review and comment before voting. Rachel will discuss with Beth and either conduct an e-mail vote or the board will discuss again at the February meeting.

Agenda Items for February/March

February agenda topics include:

- RREO RFA – Regional Planning Studies
- Report back from cannabis grow tour
- Planning for March water reuse meeting

Future agenda topics include:

- Water reuse focus – March
- Marijuana Enforcement Division, Dept of Revenue. Discuss barriers to building greenhouses.
- Recycling strategies

Addendum to the January Minutes

An e-mail vote was conducted beginning on February 18, 2015. A motion was made and seconded to have the PPAB sign onto the EV letter to the governor drafted by SWEEP. The e-mail vote passed on February 20, 2015.