



Waste Sector Working Group
Meeting #7 - March 14, 2023
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome and roll call
 - a. Present
 - i. Meredith Rose (Chair)
 - ii. Scott Cowman (Co-Chair)
 - iii. Gail Garey
 - iv. Mark Berkley
 - v. Brian Ashley
 - vi. Autum Sloop
 - vii. Heather O'Donnell
 - viii. Tori Cook
 - ix. Winn Cowman (YVSC technical assistant)
 - b. Not present:
 - i. Jim Cook
 - ii. Grant McCannon
 - iii. Alicia Archibald
2. Update from the Board meeting
 - a. Proposed recommendations timeline
 - i. March - Identify gaps/recommendations
 - ii. April - Assess/rank recommendations
 - iii. All CAP Working Group session - April 27 (3-5pm)
 - iv. May - Format recommendations
 - v. Public Open House - end of May
 - vi. June - Finalize formatted recommendations
 - vii. July - Public release of recommendations - move to quarterly meetings
3. Review recommendations spreadsheet and proposed criteria for prioritizing recommendations
 - a. **Recommendation 1** - Transition to a ban on single use plastics (water bottles, straws, lids and utensils) in municipalities and County.
 - i. May tie into Green Business Program
 - ii. Think about incentives
 - iii. Review Telluride ordinance
 - b. **Recommendation 2** - Encourage municipalities, County and HOAs to create single hauler contracts for areas in order to: 1) Negotiate competitive rates, 2) Reduce track truck vehicle miles traveled (VMT), 3) Reduce wear and tear on local roads, 4) Reduce traffic on roads and in neighborhoods

- i. Would allow municipalities to manage rates, recyclable materials list and impose fines for contamination
 - ii. Look at Summit County
 - iii. Cost concerns for local haulers - need to weigh concerns against the benefits
- c. **Recommendation 3** - Pass ordinance to require residential volume based pricing in municipalities and County.
 - i. Use residential volume based pricing instead of Pay As You Throw
 - ii. Starting with the City could be a good approach to expanding - vast majority of material generated is within the City
- d. **Recommendation 4** - Pass ordinances that require takeout materials be either reusable (durable), recyclable or compostable in municipalities and County
 - i. Consider PFAS and contamination - Front range no longer accepting these
- e. **Recommendation 5** - Revise codes/design standards to include hydration stations
 - i. Water fountain = hydration station (put water underneath to fill)
 - ii. Criteria based on number of people in the building
 - iii. Start with lodging, high traffic commercial, public (define locations)
 - iv. Would encompass new commercial, buildings
 - v. Bottle fillers in most of our parks, but those get turned off during the winter
 - vi. Encourage and require private industry to do the same
- f. **Recommendation 6** - Establish a Community Recycling Center to collect traditional recyclables, hard to recycle materials, household hazardous waste, C&D materials (bricks, dimensional lumber, windows, fixtures, doors, etc.), and organics (food and yard waste). Include satellite drop sites for recyclables
 - i. Enable other parts of the county to participate
 - ii. Need to be monitored
 - iii. One large community recycling center and smaller, manned satellite drop off sites for smaller items (traditional recycling, organics)
- g. **Recommendation 7** - Consider development of a publically available regional materials recovery facility (MRF) or transfer station to handle single-stream recycling.
 - i. Maybe take out MRF and just keep it as a transfer station, it is free to take it to Eagle (would include transportation, but shorter than taking it to Denver), would reduce VMT. Eagle is asking for more material, makes their operation more cost effective.
 - ii. Work to make we already have more publicly available or shift to handling waste at landfill to more of a public structure
- h. **Recommendation 8** - Create and support compost programs that are accessible to all municipalities and County residents.
 - i. Better to deal with food waste close to source
 - ii. Twin Enviro is working with an Ag program in Sorocco high school (more community based)
 - iii. Oak Creek has expressed interest in this
- i. **Recommendation 9** - Create and support yard waste drop-off programs that are accessible to all municipalities and county residents.
 - i. Twin Enviro may have a program for this this spring
- j. **Recommendation 10** - Require that all permitted events be zero waste in municipalities and the county.
 - i. Variance procedure could address hardship concerns

- ii. Focus on permitted events (for monetary gain - e.g., ticketed event), but just encourage for weddings/private parties - discount on permit if do it as zero waste
 - k. **Recommendation 11** - Pass ordinances to require commercial and multi-family unit recycling in municipalities and County.
 - i. We are going to learn how this goes in Steamboat and if it makes sense for other municipalities and County
 - l. **Recommendation 12** - Revise code to increase C&D diversion at construction sites.
 - i. Must ensure infrastructure available to support separation of materials
 - ii. No market for some of the materials and labor costs are prohibitively expensive - need to pay attention to what is being generated and planning and protocols for markets for these materials
 - iii. Recycle Colorado is building a roadmap/study on this. More movement on this issue now.
 - iv. We know we can divert steel, aggregate, find the low hanging fruit here - while we look for more outlets for these other materials.
 - v. This is a big, relevant topic as far as GHG are concerned. What we can do locally is challenging, but it is something we need to keep in mind as we plan to reduce emissions. What gets used in new buildings?
4. Next meeting - Tuesday, April 11 - 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.