

Northern Colorado Council Meeting

February 14th, 2024, 10:00am - 11:30am

Attendees:

- Kara Wright- Pinyon Environmental (Recorder)
- Chandra Valenza - Boulder County Resource Conservation Division (Vice Chair)
- Nick Wilson- West Highland Management Group (Chair)
- Liz Chapman- Recycle Colorado
- Ryan Call- Eco-Cycle
- Kim Palmer- Republic Services
- Caesar Garduno - City of Fort Collins - Environmental Services
- Ally Byzewski- Recycle Colorado
- Jamie Blanchard-Poling- Compost Queen
- Patrick Murphy- representing self
- Adam Hill- Direct Polymers
- Shelly Fuller- Boulder County

Recycle Colorado Announcements

- Recycle Colorado Lobby Day, February 27th
 - Lobby Day is a time to meet legislators and make your voice heard at the capitol when it comes to waste reduction & diversion. Plus, it is fun! We provide you with all the information and training you need to meet with legislators that day. We will put everyone in small groups and each group will have an experienced leader.
 - [Register](#)
- 2024 Summit for Recycling, June 3rd-5th, Hilton Fort Collins
 - [More information](#)

Recap of Survey Results (Nick)

- Varying levels of involvement
- Topics of interest: textiles, single-use plastics, EPR roll-out, food waste
- Willing to travel ~1 hour each way for in-person events

Open Forum: Specific Goals and Initiatives (Chandra)

- Look for ways to piggy back the Summit in Fort Collins this summer and how can this group help what summit be successful
 - There will be a tour of the Compost Queen facility: explore topics of phasing operational growth and seeking grant funding
 - Anyone is welcome to join the Summit Planning Committee. They are especially in need of helping coordinating the Awards Banquet
- Communication, outreach and education continue to be important to our members

- Challenge in keeping several resources updated and finding the right venue to truly target and engage interested parties
- Processes are constantly changing and improving, partially due to changing price points, causing confusion, whiplash, and disinterest among generators
 - There might be too much emphasis placed on diversion at the moment when end-solutions are still evolving and unstable

2024 Goal 1: Be in person more. (Nick)

In-person

- Larimer County facility on Taft with additional participation from haulers
- Repurposed Materials in Brighton/Lafayette with additional participation from a C&D specialist
- Platte River Biogas or one of Vanguard's dairy digesters with additional participation from a hauler
- Class III composting facilities like Boulder Co. with additional participation from a hauler

Virtual:

- Redwood or Li Cycle for lithium battery recycling with additional participation from a landfill operator who can speak to current challenges with receiving lithium products
- Online Tour of a true C&D facility out-of-state which accepts all C&D material and then separates it

Themes:

- Connecting at least two actors in the same supply chain for a better system-wide view
- Ask questions and start conversations related to the human and logistical aspects of implementation. What can we learn from one another about behavior change, change management, culture shifts, economies of scale, localization, etc.

2024 Goal 2: Move the needle together. (Chandra)

- Composting feels overlooked compared to other commodities
 - Procurement policies may be leveraged that prioritize locally-produced/sourced products
 - Should we produce a toolkit for procurement policies modeled after the one produced by the C&D council? <https://www.recyclecolorado.org/c-d-council>

Call to Action: Send a Valentine, Invite a Guest

In an effort to grow Recycle Colorado membership, please consider bringing one guest (in or outside of your organization) to the next quarter's meeting. Send them a Valentine's Day card to get the conversation started.

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