



Colorado Department  
of Public Health  
and Environment

# Meeting Minutes

## Pollution Prevention Advisory Board

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

Note: The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, **May 24<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at CDPHE, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South.

Recorder: Rachel Wilson-Roussel

Attending: Donna Pacetti, Karen Hancock, Beth Chacon, Kate Navin, Landon Gates, Dave Stewart, Patrick Hamel, Meg Collins (phone), Jim Schrack, Bill Hayes, Andy Pattison, Beth Chacon

Not Attending: Melissa Yoder, Jill Cooper, Kai Abelkis

Staff and Guests: Lynette Myers, Rachel Wilson-Roussel, Eric Heyboer, Marjorie Griek (ph)

### March Minutes

*A motion was made to approve the March minutes. Motion passed, the March minutes were approved.*

### Open Floor

The board went around the table and talked about new projects they were undertaking.

Patrick discussed the department's participation in Xcel Energy's recommissioning plus program for commercial buildings. Participants can increase their Xcel rebates by 30% when they implement recommended measures. The energy conservation measures recommended to the department through the program would reduce energy use by ~9%. The department is working with the building management company and owners to see if they would be willing to participate in partially funding the recommended projects. The department requested \$20,000 in PPAB support for the effort.

*A motion was made and seconded to allow the department to use \$20,000 of SARA funds for energy efficiency upgrades at the Cherry Creek Campus. Motion passed.*

Patrick will provide the board with a final project report detailing the implemented measures.

### RREO Recycling Grants

#### 2012 RREO Grant Evaluations/Approvals

Eric Heyboer announced that two days after the assistance committee met and finalized their 2012 grant recommendations to the board, an accounting error was discovered by the department. Revenue received from both waste tire fees and landfill tipping fees in FY2011 are much higher than originally projected but unfortunately the calculation was not updated to take this into account. Therefore, the department is now estimating that there is an additional \$500,000 for RREO grant allocations. The committee will meet again on May 10 and hold a second round of grant evaluations. They will look at top twenty applications by rank. Cross media impacts with energy reduction.

The committee did vote on and approve to recommend to the board the following ten applications as part of the “first round” of grant evaluations.

<b>Proposals Recommended for Funding</b>						
<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Match/ In-kind</b>	<b>Jobs Created</b>	<b>Tax Status</b>	<b>Geographic Location</b>
Blue Star Recyclers	Vocational Electronics and Recycling Network (VERN)	\$89,787	\$46,260	~4 FTE (11 positions)	For-Profit	La Junta, Pueblo, & Canon City
Colorado State Fair	Colorado State Fair Recycling Program	\$52,650	\$32,049	0 FTE	Government	Pueblo
Denver International Airport	Plastic Film Capture and Recycling Program	\$21,600	\$1,500	0 FTE	Government	Denver
Denver Public Schools	Piloting Composting at Denver Public Schools	\$27,750	\$11,345	0 FTE	School	Denver
El Paso County	Rethinking Recycling in El Paso County	\$5,500	\$8,000	0 FTE	Government	El Paso & Teller Counties
Go Green Recycling	Go Green Recycling Expansion Project	\$18,279	\$2,031	18-21 FTE	For-Profit	Wheat Ridge (Denver)
Kum & Go, L.C.	Message in a Bottle Recycling Program	\$63,140	\$50,427	~90 FTE	For-Profit	Craig, Glenwood Springs, & Greeley
Lafarge US West	Asphalt Binder Modification with Ground Tire Rubber	\$188,750	\$214,644	1 FTE	For-Profit	Greeley
Repsco, Inc.	Repsco/K&M Partnership Project: Plastics Recycling, Processing, Green Jobs and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Project	\$309,936	\$224,135	10 to 15 FTE	For-Profit	Denver
Walsh Jr./Sr. High School	Walsh Recycling Program	\$8,532	\$0	0 FTE	School	Walsh (SE Colorado)
<b>Total Amount Requested:</b>				<b>\$785,924</b>		

*How does the department communicate with unsuccessful applicants?* Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified until after the completion of the second round of grant evaluations. The department will send them a general letter of regret but they may make a request to see the scorer comments regarding their specific application.

*How is FTE defined in the RFA? Do we ask for additional wage or benefit information?* In some of the applications it was difficult to determine the number of jobs that would be created. The definition is a full time, 40 hours per week position, but does not look at wages or benefits. Eric will discuss this issue further with the committee for the next RFA.

*A motion was made and seconded to approve the Assistance Committee recommendations as presented. The motion passed.*

Eric will begin working on the 10 grant award letters and coordinating the second round of evaluations with the committee on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

## PPAB Mission and Goals

Rachel sent out the list of the draft objectives to all board members and asked each board member to reply with a list of the objectives they would like to see the board adopt as priorities for 2011. Results are shown below:

PPAB Objectives	#
Assist and support the Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education with the Colorado Environmental Literacy Plan.	1
Create financial incentives for government to lead by example. (Mini grants to assist some Greening Government projects get off the ground.)	2
Assess the PPAB's grants process and determine appropriate mechanism for evaluating cross media impacts. (How do we give more credit to proposals that not only have high recycling rates, but also reduce GHGs through transportation reductions, create in state end markets, etc.)	3
Form a PPAB subcommittee to discuss nutrient criteria for water quality and possible cross media impacts.	4
Identify sponsors and partners to get environmental knowledge to the public (possibly through PSAs)	5
Actively participate in the ELP mentoring, networking, and "think tank" efforts, acting as a resource. (PPAB helps identifies problems to be solved and barriers to implementing sustainability/P2)	6
Work with CDPHE to develop a process to consider cross media impacts in the regulatory process, including the energy/water nexus.	7
Support a product stewardship approach to electronics recycling, medication disposal, and leftover paint.	8
Consider support of the Transportation Environmental Resource Council's Sustainability clearinghouse.	9

The board discussed each of the above objectives.

The board will plan on brainstorming action items/deliverables and outcomes for each of the top 4 objectives for the May meeting and vote to finalize the objectives.

Several board members volunteered to spearhead efforts on the top four objectives. Katie will work on objective #1. Patrick and Rachel will work on objective #2. Eric, Meg, and Dave will work on objective #3. Landon, Dave, and Meg will work on objective #4 with the first activity being to come up with a one or two page summary of the issue and identify the major players.

The board will reconsider the remaining objectives at a later date.

### **Colorado Environmental Literacy Plan**

Rachel sent out CAEE's proposal for funding to the board via e-mail. The board reviewed and discussed the proposal.

*A motion was made and seconded to approve CAEE's grant proposal for \$12,000. The motion passed.*

Rachel will work with Katie to get the necessary paperwork in place in order to issue a Purchase Order.

### **Project C.U.R.E. Tour**

Project C.U.R.E. is a non-profit organization that provides medical supplies and equipment around the world. Stephanie York, lead the board on a tour of Project C.U.R.E's facility in Centennial.

### **May Agenda Items**

- Revisit goals objectives mission – revisit and vote on them in May.
- Colorado Climate Network. 15 min presentation 10 min questions. May at CDPHE.

### **Post Meeting Addendum**

*A motion was made and seconded to approve three of the Assistance Committee's RREO Round 2 grant recommendations (including Lake County, City of Lakewood and Baker Sanitation) and to reject the application from Pinon Management. An e-mail vote was requested by staff on 5/19/2011. The motion passed on 5/20/2011. The Assistance Committee was notified of the decision and provided with detailed justification.*