



Colorado Department
of Public Health
and Environment

Meeting Minutes

Pollution Prevention Advisory Board

Tuesday, August 23rd, 2011

Note: The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27th from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at CDPHE, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, CO.

Recorder: Rachel Wilson-Roussel

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

Not Attending: Kai Abelkis, Jill Cooper, Karen Hancock, Melissa Yoder

Staff and Guests: Rachel Wilson-Roussel (CDPHE), Eric Heyboer (CDPHE), Anne Peters (Gracestone Inc.), Shaun LaBarre (ReSource), Darla Arians (Boulder County)

July Minutes

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

Open Floor

The board went around the table and talked about new projects they were undertaking and other news they wanted to share. Highlights included:

- The department is reviewing/enhancing its strategic plan. If any board members have comments, please send to Patrick by Friday, August 26th.
- Project C.U.R.E. will be hosting its First Lady Luncheon on September 16th. If any board members are interested in being a table host, please contact Stephanie.
- Denver Water has agreed to continue sponsoring two medication take-back drop-off boxes for this year and next.
- Jim Schrack will be starting a new environmental consulting job in Denver. He will be stepping down as the GEO representative on the board.
- Andy Pattison is working on his Ph.D research at the University of California at Santa Barbara and will be stepping down from the board.
- RREO program is currently accepting rebate applications. Eric will ask for the board's approval of the rebate allocations at September's meeting
- Environmental Leadership Program Event will be held on October 4th. RSVP to Lynette.
- CAEE is assisting the ELP program in developing ELP criteria for schools.
- The board inquired about the job creation possibility from increasing the amount of available RREO grant funds. CDPHE staff will present more information to the board on recycling funding and statewide diversion at the October meeting.

PPAB Strategic Plan

The board provided updates on 2011 objectives and associated action items.

PPAB Objective	Action Items/ Outcomes	August Update
<p>Create financial incentives for government to lead by example. (Mini grants to assist some Greening Government projects)</p>	<p>1) Patrick, Jim, Dave, Donna, Jill and Lynette will form a subcommittee to come up with a template for mini-grant applications. Establish criteria, focus area, formal review process, framework.</p>	<p>The RFA was posted on the PPAB's website and an announcement was sent out with a link to all PPAB members and Greening Government Coordinating Council. Grant applications are due September 16th.</p>
<p>Form a PPAB subcommittee to discuss nutrient criteria for water quality and possible cross media impacts.</p>	<p>1) Dave, Landon, and Meg will work to put together a brief summary of the issue and share with the board (and ELP members).</p>	<p>It was suggested that Steve Gunderson should review the draft summary document.</p>

RREO Recycling Grants

RREO RFA Update:

The Assistance Committee is looking at a potential new direction for RREO grants that would be loosely modeled after the hub and spoke system in New Mexico. The committee liked the concept and the way it would work to expand access to recycling throughout the state. However, Colorado is different than New Mexico since there is already some existing infrastructure and a mixture of public and private entities involved. The committee created a subcommittee to discuss how to develop this concept further. The subcommittee is leaning towards issuing only one RFA but including a hub and spoke component.

Before moving forward, the committee wanted to provide the board with some information on the direction they are heading and get feedback from the board.

Questions:

- *Would there be a cap on the portion of the grant funds available for hub and spoke?* The committee discussed be willing to go up to 50% of grant dollars available to support a hub and spoke project. If no acceptable hub and spoke applications come in, the committee would fund the standard applications.
- *Would the RFA state that there is a preference for hub and spoke projects?* Yes, but the amount of funds given to these projects would be capped at 50% of available funds. The RFA may be written generically – stating that they expect to fund 1 – 3 hub and spoke projects with a total dollar amount equal to 50% of the available funds.
- *What would the criteria be for hub and spoke?* The criteria for this concept would likely be different from the standard criteria but has not yet been developed. Projects would be open to anywhere in the state, rural or urban. We do not intend to pay for personnel, only equipment and perhaps some signage and education. The RFA also would encourage applications with multiple community partners

The committee intends to develop outreach to educate potential applicants on what kinds of projects they are looking for. The solicitation timeline would remain the same, but the committee would start getting information out about the changes in October. The committee intends on supporting this hub and spoke model for the next 3 to 5 years to direct funds to building infrastructure.

The full committee is scheduled to vote on this concept next week. If they approve the project concept, the committee will request approval from the board at their September meeting.

Medication Take Back Program

Greg Fabisiak provided the board with an update on the Department's Medication Take-back Program. There is a researcher at Colorado State who is looking into ways of dosing pharmaceuticals so that the body reduces the amount of the medication it excretes.

Greg is also coordinating with the Colorado Product Stewardship council.

Walgreens launched a nationwide mail back program. Customers would purchase an envelope and mail back their medications for proper disposal at a medical incinerator.

The current plan is to keep the pilot program running through 2012. For more information, see the Medication Take-back presentation on the board's website.

Briefing on GEO Recycled Paint Report

The Governor's Energy Office hired Green Seal to help develop the state's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy. There was some additional funding remaining in their contract so GEO directed Green Seal to look at the feasibility of recycling paint in Colorado. When Jim worked for the City of Aurora, approximately 80% of household hazardous waste was latex paint. Green Seal has recently developed a recycled paint standard that can meet color and quality standards. Metro paint is successfully doing this in Portland, Oregon. Unfortunately, for this to work in Colorado there would need to be an initial \$300,000 investment in addition to a product stewardship model where funds are collected when paint purchases are made to pay for recycling.

It was noted that there is a Colorado business called Mix Paints who may be already recycling paint in the state.

For more information, see the Green Seal presentation on the board's website.

Colorado Product Stewardship Council

Anne Peters (Gracestone Inc.), Shaun LaBarre (ReSource), and Darla Ariens (Boulder County) presented to the board on the Colorado Product Stewardship Council (CoPSC). CoPSC was formed in July 2010 to promote and advocate for product stewardship in Colorado. CoPSC operates as a council of the Colorado Association for Recycling. CoPSC is a diverse group of interested parties representing local governments, non-profits organizations, large and small businesses, including recyclers and waste hauling companies, schools, universities, and individuals.

For more information, see the CoPSC presentation on the board's website.

September Agenda Items

- Greening Government Mini-grant Awards Approvals
- Approve RREO Rebate Allocations