



Colorado Department
of Public Health
and Environment

Meeting Minutes

Pollution Prevention Advisory Board

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

Note: The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 23rd from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at CDPHE, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, CO.

Recorder: Rachel Wilson-Roussel

Attending: Karen Hancock, Beth Chacon, Kate Navin, Landon Gates, Patrick Hamel, Meg Collins, Jim Schrack, Andy Pattison, Melissa Yoder, Bill Hayes

Not Attending: Kai Abelkis, Donna Pacetti, Dave Stewart, Jill Cooper

Staff and Guests: Rachel Wilson-Roussel, Eric Heyboer

May Minutes

A motion was made to approve the May minutes. Motion passed, the May 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:

- National No Child Left Inside legislation is moving forward.
- Office of Environmental Education within EPA is slated for elimination by the House.
- Division of Wildlife and State Parks will merge into one division under Department of Natural Resources.
- Boulder County opened their new Hazardous Materials Management Facility which is free to Boulder and Broomfield County residents. Next month they will begin accepting waste from conditionally exempt small quantity generators. The facility is funded through an intergovernmental agreement where the communities pay based on their constituent usage.
- A Medication Take-back Event is planned for September 24th at Boulder Community Hospital.
- Xcel Energy's Corporate Responsibility report came out in May and includes an interview with Martha Rudolph.
- CSU is soliciting for greening government mini-grants to help agencies with their metrics. They likely will fund four \$5,000 mini-grants.

RREO Recycling Grants

Assistance Committee Update:

The department recently solicited applications to fill 6 positions on the Assistance Committee. The applications were reviewed and Dr. Urbina made the appointments.

- Wolf Kray replaced Joe Schiefflin as the CDPHE representative.
- Susie Gordon was reappointed as a representative of an urban municipality.
- Erika Gibson was reappointed as a representative from the Governor's Energy Office.
- Gary Horton was reappointed as a representative of a private entity.
- Rachel Nathan from Go Green Recycling replaced Anne Mudgett from the Yampah Valley Sustainability

Council.

- John Kent from Oxford Recycling will replace Brent Hildebrandt from Alpine Waste and Recycling.

Assistance Committee terms are 4 years and members are able to serve 3 consecutive terms.

RREO Rebate Application:

The board reviewed the RREO rebate application for January – June, 2011. This year, the Assistance Committee is interested to hear back from applicants and receive feedback on the rebate program and suggestions for improvements. *Eric will add PPAB members to RREO listserv.* This will allow members to receive all announcements related to the program.

A motion to approve the RREO rebate application as presented was made and seconded. Motion passed.

RREO Grant Updates:

Eric conducted several RREO grant site visits in June.

- We Recycle in Pueblo has been successful at exponentially expanding their business and have secured a second warehouse which is 4x as large to process and store bails.
- Earth Enterprises (aka:Waste not Recycling) has all of the processing line equipment in place to begin recycling snow sports equipment. Equipment includes a gas chromatograph to analyze what kind of plastic equipment is made of. It's the first of its kind in Colorado. They envision using this machine to expand and become a hub for plastic recycling. They have a 3-year contract in place with the department and Eric will continue to monitor them.

Survey of Past RREO Grant Recipients

Rachel and Eric met with Donna and Jill at Denver Water in June to discuss what it is that we want the survey to do. It was agreed that Survey Monkey would be the best tool to use to send and collect survey data. Since the grant recipients are required to send an update 6 months after the grant ends, the group recommends sending the survey in January 2012 – essentially one year after their last update. The group will meet again in the fall and draft questions for the survey for the full board's review.

PPAB Strategic Plan

The board discussed their 2011 objectives and action items associated with each objective.

PPAB Objective	Action Items/ Outcomes	July Update
Assist and support the Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education with the Colorado Environmental Literacy Plan.	1) Approved \$12,000 in funding back in April to support CAEE's environmental literacy efforts.	1) CAEE's grant ended 6/30/2011 and they have submitted the final grant report. Katie presented a grant summary at July meeting.
	2) Future possibilities include a letter of support from the board.	-
	3) Board may play a role in networking.	-
	4) Public review and comment on environmental literacy plan (opportunity for board comment)	-
Create financial incentives for government to lead by example. (Mini grants to assist some Greening Government projects)	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.	1) Draft RFA was circulated to board for review/comment. An e-mail vote will be conducted to finalize the RFA with the goal of posting on-line by 8/15/11.

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<p>Assess the PPAB's grants process and determine appropriate mechanism for evaluating cross media impacts.</p> <p>(How do we give credit to proposals that not only have high recycling rates, but also reduce GHGs through transportation reductions, create in state end markets, etc.)</p>	<p>1) Landon, Jim, Patrick and Meg will meet and discuss.</p>	<p>1) Decision was made to postpone meeting until after the July 12th meeting discussing New Mexico's recycling grants to implement a hub and spoke model.</p>
	<p>2) Attend AC July 12th meeting and begin discussion.</p>	<p>2) 6 PPAB members attended the 7/12 meeting.</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>1) A draft summary was sent to full board for review on 7/25/2011 and discussed at the July meeting.</p>

Colorado Climate Network Presentation

Tom Easley, Director of Programs at the Rocky Mountain Organization introduced the board to the Colorado Climate Network. The Network's mission is to support efforts by local governments and allied organizations in Colorado to reduce heat-trapping gases and to adapt to climate change – whether those efforts are styled as climate, sustainability, energy, or adaptation programs. The Network helps its members develop and implement those programs, learn of funding and other resources, and interact more productively with other local and state programs in Colorado.

Mr. Easley's presentation may be found on the PPAB's website:
http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/oeis/p2_program/presents.html

Briefing on GEO Recycled Paint Report

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was postponed until the August meeting.

August Agenda Items

- Revisit action items for the 4 PPAB objectives.
- Approve RREO Rebate Awards
- Product Stewardship Council
- Recycled Paint Presentation
- Medication take back meeting Update