



Colorado Department
of Public Health
and Environment

Meeting Minutes

Pollution Prevention Advisory Board

Tuesday, September 27th, 2011

Note: The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Recorder: Rachel Wilson-Roussel

Attending: Beth Chacon, Katie Navin, , Patrick Hamel, Bill Hayes, Donna Pacetti, Dave Stewart, Meg Collins, Kai Abelkis, Melissa Yoder, Karen Hancock

Not Attending: Jill Cooper, Landon Gates, Stephanie York

Staff and Guests: Rachel Wilson-Roussel (CDPHE), Eric Heyboer (CDPHE), Hillary Dobos (GEO)

August Minutes

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

- Colorado will soon have graduation guidelines. The state of Maryland just passed an environmental literacy graduation guideline. CAEE is writing a letter urging the Department of Education to use Maryland as an example. If anyone's organization is interested in signing on that letter – they should talk to Katie.
- Missy will be presenting a draft Outdoor Education Report to the State Land Board.
- Boulder held a pharmaceutical collection event at Boulder Community Hospital on Saturday. They collected three 55 gallon drums of medications.
- Boulder's Energy Smart Program is doing well. Since November 2011, Boulder has given away over \$300,000 in rebates to 200 businesses for implementing energy efficiency projects.
- Meg attended a RMNP Ag Air subcommittee meeting in Fort Collins. Nutrient criteria was on the agenda, but was tabled for a later discussion.

RREO Program

RREO Rebate Allocations:

This round, the rebate split remained the same with 50% going towards free public drop off recycling centers and 50% for glass processors. Eric provided the board with a presentation on the recycling rebates. The presentation may be found on the PPAB website.

The average rebate per ton of glass recycled is \$15.01 this cycle. The rebate for drop-off sites provided \$1,131 for each public drop-off.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the rebate allocation for the public drop-off sites. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the rebate allocation for glass processors. The motion passed.

RREO FY 2013 Request for Applications:

The Assistance Committee met and voted on August 24th to approve including a Strategic Infrastructure Program (SIP) component to the 2013 grant application. The committee would like to make the SIP a priority for the 2013 grant cycles. If the proposals are lacking, then the AC would default to historic grant guidelines. The purpose of the SIP is to enhance and connect Colorado's existing infrastructure.

How much money will be allocated to the SIP? The AC is undecided at this point. Some AC members would like to cap the amount of funding available for SIP projects to 50% of the amount available. Others think that it should depend on the quality of proposals and not indicate a limit. FY2013 will be the first year the RREO fund won't have waste tire money. The RREO funds will come solely from tipping fees.

Kai stated that a hub and spoke system requires an organization that is coordinating the various local resources. In New Mexico, the New Mexico Recycling Association is that entity. In Colorado, it will be up to the applicants to create the partnerships and structure that is needed. The committee is aware that there will be a need to reach out to communities to explain this concept and that there will be a large planning need for applicants. But the committee is also committed to continuing with this concept for the next 2 or 3 years. So this year, we may not receive a lot of quality SIP applications but it will set the stage for future years.

A motion was made and seconded to approve including the SIP concept in the FY2013 RFA provided that:

- 1) There is no funding limit indicated for SIP projects;*
- 2) Criteria should be weighted to prefer SIP proposals;*
- 3) The Assistance Committee change the acronym representing this concept to something else than "SIP"; and*
- 4) Each application must stand on its own. (A poor hub and spoke proposal won't be funded just to fund a hub and spoke project)*

Motion passed.

RIHEL Project

Rachel is participating in the Regional Institute for Health and Environmental Leadership this year. As part of the program, participants engage in creative projects as a living laboratory in which to practice the leadership skills that they would like to enhance. Rachel presented her project concept to establish a funding mechanism for chemical management programs in schools. The board provided Rachel with ideas and possible resources and connections.

Greening Government Mini Grants

The board received 2 grant applications responding to the RFA for Greening Government Mini-grants. Board members evaluated the proposals and discussed the merits of each.

The board moved and seconded to approve the following grant applications:

- 1. Office of Information Technology, Elimination of Pay Advances, \$20,000*
- 2. University of Colorado Boulder, CU Green Labs Audit and Conservation Program: MCD Biology Department Pilot Study, \$19,992*

The motion passed.

October Agenda Items

- RREO Grant Presentations

Post Meeting Addendum

As the PPAB Chairperson, Landon Gates, co-signed a letter to the Department of Education urging them to include environmental literacy in the graduation guidelines for schools. The letter, developed by CAEE, recommended using the Maryland Environmental Education graduation requirement as the model as it was the first in the country.