



Waste Sector Working Group  
Meeting #6  
February 14, 2023  
9-10:30 a.m.

### MEETING SUMMARY

- 1) Welcome and roll call
  - a) Present
    - i) Meredith Rose (Chair)
    - ii) Grant McCannon
    - iii) Gail Garey
    - iv) Alicia Archibald
    - v) Scott Cowman
    - vi) Jim Cook
    - vii) Brian Ashley
    - viii) Mark Berkley
    - ix) Nathan Burns
    - x) Autum Sloop
    - xi) Winn Cowman (YVSC technical assistant)
  - b) Not present
    - i) Victoria Cook
    - ii) Kathy Hastings
- 2) Update from the Board meeting
  - a) CAP Board work session (2/3/23) on Working Group recommendations
    - i) Discussion on what output would look like, how to regionally implement CAP recommendations. Board doing work to build readiness for moving WG recommendations forward (criteria and ranking to prioritize projects)
    - ii) Agreement of Board to do 5-year revisits, but no strong restriction on any given recommendation, okay to have 5-7 year time frames. Milestones to achieve long-term goals.
  - b) Website/newsletter subscription - please share with your network
    - i) Looking to Working Groups to help spread the word about the CAP website and encourage networks to subscribe to the newsletter.
  - c) CAP 2023 Board Communication Plan

- i) Communication goals include increasing broader understanding of what's in the CAP, who's on the Board and Working Groups, updates on CAP progress and opportunities for public involvement
  - ii) In addition to the website and newsletter, this includes outreach/press releases to local media outlets, hopefully a monthly column in local papers, monthly outreach and communications with our municipal communications managers (in process), Facebook/Instagram/website blog for more frequent updates (in development) and plans to host a public community event in April or May.
- 3) C&D letter update
  - a) Board provided comments to latest draft which was accepted by the Working Group. An approved draft of the letter has been sent back to the Board.
- 4) Briefly discuss potential criteria for prioritizing recommendations
  - a) Important to think about co-benefits (e.g., improves water quality)
  - b) Every recommendation should be rated by criteria
- 5) Review results of initial strawpoll and refine and revise recommendations in CAP Waste 'Big Win'/Recommendations spreadsheet

#### **WS1 - Reduce solid waste in landfill**

- a) Pass ordinances to transition to ban on single use plastics (water bottles, straws, lids and utensils) in municipalities and County. (see Telluride ordinance)
  - i) May tie into Green Business program, think about incentives
- b) Pass a Pay as you Throw (PAYT) ordinance in municipalities and County.
- c) Create a reuse program that incentivizes businesses to innovate. (i.e. reverse vending machines)
- d) Create ordinance that requires takeout materials be either reusable (durable), recyclable or compostable
- e) Revise codes/design standards to include hydration stations
- f) Pass ordinances to collect and share recycling data in Hayden, Yampa, Oak Creek (City/Routt County underway)
- g) Create or revise local ordinances to add produce bags to local plastic bag bans. (Will need to review state preemption language.)

#### **WS2 - Increase diversion**

- h) Establish a Community Recycling Center to collect traditional recyclables, hard to recycle materials, household hazardous waste, C&D materials (bricks, dimensional lumber, windows, fixtures, doors, etc.), and organics (food and yard waste). Include satellite drop sites for recyclables.
  - i) Consideration of staffing for contamination for satellite drop
- i) Create yard waste drop-off programs to ensure yard waste is not landfilled.
  - i) Concern that yard waste is intermingled with trash, how to ensure separation
  - ii) Twin Enviro to start collecting yard waste this spring with food/compost waste, able to handle current amount of wood chips
  - iii) After big storms, landscapers loading trucks with larger yard waste
- j) Consider development of a regional materials recovery facility (MRF) or transfer station to handle single-stream recycling.
  - i) Currently there is a MRF, but cost of operation an issue

- k) Encourage accessible compost programs to ensure composting is available to all municipalities and County residents. Work to increase participation.
- l) Require that all permitted events be zero waste, with minimum standards and verification.
- m) Reduce recycling contamination
- n) Pass ordinances to require commercial and multi-family recycling. (City of SS underway)
- o) Figure out a way to separate glass from single-stream recycling.
- p) Revise code to require C&D recycling at construction sites. (Must also focus on building infrastructure to support this.)
- q) Perform a regional recyclables composition study.

**WS3 - Support waste reduction initiatives at the state level**

- r) Support state legislation like Pollution Prevention Reduction Act (PPRA) and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). (YVSC, City of SS, SSRC, & Routt County already doing this.)

**Other**

- s) Encourage municipalities, HOAs and County to create single hauler contracts for areas in order to: 1. Negotiate competitive rates, 2. Reduce trash truck vehicle miles traveled (VMT), 3. Reduce wear and tear on local roads, 4. Reduce traffic on roads and in neighborhoods
    - i) Municipalities could then manage rates, recyclable material list and impose fines for contamination, etc.
    - ii) Create contracts in different sized areas and haulers bid to drive down prices for consumers
    - iii) Cost concerns for local haulers, risk of losing business; taking choice away from consumers
    - iv) Weigh concerns against the benefits
  - t) Create a framework to take advantage of funding opportunities (e.g, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR))
    - i) Are we missing funding opportunities? Look to City/County grant writers. Have projects in place before applying for grants
    - ii) Other municipalities might not have the grant writing capacity that the City and County has
  - u) Support local food producers to get local food into grocery stores. (Underway through Ag Alliance.)
    - i) Food hub underway - 5 other food hubs around the state
- 6) Next meeting and proposed work plan for recommendation development
- a. Tuesday, March 14 - 9:00-10:30 a.m.
  - b. Get through Big Wins list next meeting. Think about things in the CAP not addressed in our list (orphaned actions and tactics)