

Feb 1, 2024 | 📅 Policy Committee Meeting

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Notes

Hello Policy Committee Members,

We are looking forward to sharing with you updates on bills that will be introduced into the legislature this year. Please review the agenda and updates below before the meeting tomorrow. If you do not see the invite to tomorrow's meeting on your calendar, please let me know.

Lobby Day 2024

Each year, Recycle Colorado staff, members, and volunteers head to the Colorado Capitol to meet with legislators to discuss recycling and composting legislation. Lobby Day is a time to meet legislators and make your voice heard when it comes to waste reduction & diversion.

We invite you all to join us on February 27th to participate in Lobby Day. You will be put into small groups and each group will have an experienced leader with them, so you won't be alone. We provide you with all the information and training you need to meet with legislators on that day. You can learn more about Lobby Day by visiting our [website](#).

Let us know you are interested in joining us by filling out our [registration form](#) and [saving the date](#) on your calendar.

Agenda for February 1st Policy Committee Meeting

- C3 update/next steps - feedback on Position Paper Part 2

Randy Moorman: Merger of FRWD and RREO. The board approved part 1. A survey on part 2 was sent out. Result from the survey: number of board members 7 for 13, 1 for 9, 1 for 15. What are thoughts of makeup of the C3 Board?

Caroline Mitchell: What are the reasons behind the board numbers? Why did CDPHE recommend 9?

Liz Chapman: Two of the concerns. It has been challenging to keep the board count seats. From a functionality standpoint other boards have had better success at the model of 9.

Rachel Roussel-Diamond: For 9 members we get more engagement than a bigger board. Larger boards people tend to hide.

Suzanne Jones: We have quorum issues with members that have to be recused. We should be able to fill seats and this is not the time to shrink the board.

Rachel Setzke: If we shrink the seats we exclude certain stakeholders

Randy Moorman: We are requesting in the new C3 grant program there is a mechanism to evaluate environmental justice.

Randy Moorman: Reimbursement of travel. All nine respondents said that this is needed.

The sunset date: 2034, 2030 (FRWD fee ends), 2029 (FRWD ends), 2025 (RREO)

Caroline Mitchell: is an option for no sunset? Vote 2034

Haulers (Republic & WM) vote for 2030

Eco Cycle votes for 2034

Scott Hutchings: EPR should start and then this should sunset around 2030.

Rachel Setzke: EPR and the state grant program support different projects.

- Rural Policy Committee update
- EPR update

Needs assessment is out for public comment.

- Tire Bill update

Liz Chapman: Tire bill language renews the program. The ceiling is at \$4 instead of \$2. The new commission has more lead-way. Extends the program through 2040. Changes it through a granting fund through the state to an enterprise fund with a board of directors. How do we change the tier system for the rebates? Should we have a tier about the TDF users?

Suzanne: yes we need a recycling tier

Hutch: Yes it needs to be an enterprise fund

- Lobby Day planning and recruiting help/volunteers

Feb 27th. Links are out to register. We need sponsorship. We need to sponsor lunch.

WM will sponsor the lunch.

- Status of other bills:
 - Vape bill

Rachel Setzke: Single use Vaps cannot be recycled. The battery is embedded in the device with the toxic liquid. Best option is to incinerate them.

Randy Moorman: Rep Valdez wants to form a working group. The original draft setup membership for the advisory board.

Brandy Moe: The feedback was that folks would support this bill. E Waste vendors cannot accept vap cartridges.

Randy Moorman: We are seeking recommendations for feedback. This is a study on how best to manage this hard to manage waste stream. Open to comments.

Caroline Mitchell: I appreciate the recommendations

Brian Loma: Question about current licensing for hazardous materials. Yes, the haulers and staging facilities would need to be permitted for hazardous waste.

Liz Chapman: R.C. has submitted a grant to DOE to do a study about all batteries. We are looking for a more comprehensive solution. The legislator that champions this bill has a narrow interest.

Randy Moorman: The legislator is term limited.

- Incineration and plastics to fuel bill
- Skip the Stuff

No skip the stuff bill

- Right to repair for consumer electronics

Zoom Meeting Information

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85055441273?pwd=Mk1mTUUp1Y2lyYkQ5L2VPcTdpbWpSUT09>

Meeting ID: 850 5544 1273

Passcode: 80112

Access the Producer Responsibility Needs Assessment

The final draft of Colorado's Needs Assessment report for statewide recycling has been published. You can access it using [this link](#) or finding it on the [Producer Responsibility CDPHE webpage](#).

CDPHE welcomes feedback on the draft needs assessment report through Feb. 19. Please submit your feedback by emailing: eprcomments@state.co.us with the subject line "**Needs Assessment Feedback**".

In addition to the feedback we encourage our members to submit directly to CDPHE, Recycle Colorado will also submit a letter on behalf of the organization. If you would like to contribute to that letter or submit anonymous or less formal feedback, please use the link below (it will not go to CDPHE). If you have any questions on the Needs Assessment you can contact Liz (executive.director@recyclecolorado.org).

Link to provide feedback to Recycle Colorado only:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfHmCC1ePlf_9YLu_iYOFA1OtBcBaYutGX84yitb6E4cljawQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Action items

