

Jan 4, 2024 | 📅 Policy Committee Meeting

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Agenda for January 4th Policy Committee Meeting

- C3 update/next steps

Randy Moorman The policy committee drafted a position paper and it was sent out using the new format. We would like to get 100% support. We need to simplify the language. The biggest piece to discuss is the funding between the front range communities and rural communities

Jenifer Freeman Everyone supports merging the FRWD and RREO but we are looking at rewording our position statement. We do not want language that is too prescriptive. R.C. wants to request clarification on the use of the combined fund. We would like feedback so we are not too prescriptive. Reviewed all the position points.

Feedback

Suzanne Jones 10 sectors voted on this so let's not re-write the proposal. Lets focus on the other sector to get them onboard.

Steve Derus - combining both makes sense. Some of the haulers feel the \$.14 is pretty hard. It should be uniform across the state. Why do we need a CPI if we can't spend the funds we have now? Keep the .14 cents and no CPI until this sunsets. Put the RREO funds into FRWD. The number is up to \$3 per ton (average is around \$25/ ton) and it is becoming hard to pass on to customers. FRWD sunsets in 2029 and then rethink what amount of funds is needed at that time and not increase the funds now.

Liz Chapman clarifying what Steve said. The three larger haulers are good with the \$.14 in place and removing the CPI increase.

Jeff Statler - We are waiting on the Stakeholders for the 2029 extension

Brin Loma - I'm curious to ask, will this fee see significant decreases in collection as EPR increases and less materials are tipped at the landfill?

Jeff Statler - We do not have the data on EPR on what that is going to do. The FRWD balance is \$16M. \$9M is uncommitted.

Steve Derus - We budgeted the funds 3 years out. We have the \$3.30 ton planned.

Jeff Statler - part of the .14 . Solid waste (David Snaps group) is increasing their fee as well. The superfund fee needs to be considered as well.

Suzanne Jones - It is difficult to set up new infrastructure and that is why some funds are not being properly used and awarded. Two studies are coming out to highlight gaps in the state which should help.

Steve Derus - It does take a long time. With EPR and the CPI we feel increasing funds now is premature. Possibly we set a threshold of \$20M and then the fees are turned off. All the fees are adding up and we need to do what's best for the customers and shareholders.

Jeff Statler - EPR will help, but the politics take a long time.

David Fridland - With the CPI in FRWD let's not take a step back.

Steve Derus - If we need a CPI in the future let's address it then. The EPR is going to address the whole rate structure. Industry is good with \$3.30 / ton. We would like to keep the reins on the CPI. 3-6 years out is unknown for a business entity.

- Rural Policy Committee - C3 board makeup recommendations

Randy Moorman An assignment went out to draft what the new board might look like.

Alicia Archibald proposed board makeup is shared. 13 members are proposed

Steve Derus - 13 members is hard. Recommend a 15 member board which allows for a better discussion.

Suzanne Jones - Agree the board would be bigger. 15 would be better. Don't be too prescriptive so it's easier for CDPHE to fill the spots.

Randy Moorman talk about next steps for this.

- EPR update
- Tire Bill update

We need to have further conversation about that. The tire working group needs to reconvene.

We will have language to make comments in the next week. The Bill is not where we would like to end up with tires. The bill we are evaluating is to extend, tweak, make it an enterprise fund, and make an increase to funding for additional users of tires.

- Lobby Day planning and recruiting help/volunteers
- Status of other bills:
 - Vape bill
 - Incineration and plastics to fuel bill
 - Skip the Stuff
 - Right to repair for consumer electronics

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Action items

