



Policy Committee Notes

Thursday, January 5th, 2023

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM MT

Present: (27): Ryan Call, Brandy Moe, Jonathan Wachtel, Randy Moorman, Alicia Archibald, Becca Walkinshaw, Caleb Norder, Carol Patterson, Catherine Carreras, Gail Garey, Jace Driver, Jeanette Hanna, Jamie Harkins, Jenny Nitzky, Jonathan Greenspan, Kathryn Slaughter, Kris Holstrom, Matt Fisher, Mellik Gorton, Michael Port, Nina Waysdorf, Rachel Roussel-Diamond, Rachel Setzke, Scott DeFife, Shea Logan, Zan Jones, Winn Cowman

>> **Next meeting:** Thursday, April 6th from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Action Items:

- Send Recycle Colorado Summit presentation ideas to Ally. The planning committee is meeting on Weds 3/8/23.

Agenda

1. Recruitment of new recorder
 - a. Ryan was accepted on the Waste No More Task Force, which meets at the same time as this meeting.
 - b. The new recorder should be a fast typer, focused, and handy with Google Drive. Email Randy Moorman at randy@ecocycle.org or Brandy Moe bmoe@greensheepaint.com if you're interested.
2. Recap of Lobby Day
 - a. Met with over 50 legislators! All (besides 3) have been followed up with. Working on other responses with Eliza.
 - b. 70 people registered for Lobby Day. At least 50 people showed up, and 50-60 people showed up for the reception.
 - i. Sen Cutter, Sen Priola, Rep Kipp, Sen. Hinrichsen, and Rep. Lukens attended the reception.
 - c. [Shout out to all of the organizers and sponsors!](#)
3. Organics Diversion Bill (Recycle CO's priority bill, sponsored by Sen. Cutter)

- a. Status - introduction date extended to March 10 (late bill status).
The drafter revising the draft now.
- b. Survey and sector rep responses - report from Rachel Setzke.
 - i. The bill is in good shape. Small tweaks in the last few weeks.
 - ii. [16 responses through Google form](#) or sector rep feedback.
 - 1. Some said the completion date was too early, so that was adjusted so it will be completed in 2024. The earliest legislation based on the report could be in 2025.
- c. Additional sector rep feedback
 - i. Kathryn Slaughter, VERT - no feedback
 - ii. Jonathan Wachtel, Lakewood - (out of town)
 - 1. Include suggestions for land use policy for local governments. Siting for facilities will likely run into similar issues with other sustainability issues.
 - 2. Randy: Received feedback that the rural communities need to be represented. Concern over the funding mechanism through FRWD and RREO.
 - 3. Brandy's sector rep feedback is also reflected above.
 - iii. Jonathan Greenspan - no feedback
 - iv. Gail Garey - Municipalities were generally supportive but said they need to take it to City Council.
 - 1. Suggestion to quantify hauling transportation emissions.
- d. There will be an additional meeting with CDPHE on Monday to address their questions and concern.
 - i. Rachel Roussel-Diamond: Concern that the scope of the study repeats elements of the Organics Management Plan. Also concerns about funding the study. Legislating this study could slow down CDPHE's other work.
- e. Open discussion
 - i. Zan: It's important to continue our momentum, and organics is the next frontier. We should pursue their recommendation of building on the OMP. Recycle Colorado has a productive record of encouraging CDPHE to do studies.
- f. Vote on a recommendation to the Board of Directors - to support the draft bill for introduction. Will reach out to other sector reps not in attendance online.
- g. **Motion:** "To recommend to the Board to move forward with the current draft to have it be the bill that's introduced and championing it in the legislature." Kris Holstrom and Kathryn Slaughter second the motion.
 - i. Jonathan Wachtel - yes
 - ii. Gail Garey - abstain, since municipalities haven't taken a position
 - iii. Kathryn Slaughter - yes

- iv. Jonathan Greenspan - abstain, did not hear responses
- v. Randy Moorman - yes
- vi. Brandy Moe - yes

4. Truth in Compostable Labeling bill status updates and Recycle Colorado's process

- a. This policy idea came out of the policy retreat at last year's summit. At the time, there wasn't a consensus so Recycle Colorado didn't pursue it as a legislative priority.
- b. How RC responds to bills that are not a priority is a different process compared to bills that are a priority. We need to see a bill draft before taking a position, but the TICL bill has not yet been drafted. We're also waiting on approval from legislative leadership to approve this as a late bill.
 - i. Once we get a draft, we will share it with Recycle Colorado. Right now, Recycle Colorado has no position on the bill.
 - ii. Alicia: Wasn't this decided not to be a priority because RC didn't have the capacity to support two bills?
 - 1. Randy: Correct. RC can decide how to (and if we will) support this after there's a draft.

5. Rural Policy Working Group report

- a. Recent discussions were focused on the composting bill and grant cycles. Met with Sen Simpson about ideas for next year.
- b. Rachel: There's a lot to learn from the rural policy working group. Aspen just voted on an organics ban.

6. RC Summit - Policy Retreat and ideas for presenters

- a. The planning committee is meeting next Wednesday. You can still send them other ideas.

7. Other business

- a. Jonathan Greenspan: This is his last meeting with the Policy group and Recycle Colorado. Focusing on things closer to home.
- b. EPR: Liz Chapman, Gail Garey, and Scott DeFife are on the advisory committee.
 - i. The next meeting topic will be on definitions ([posted for the public to see](#)). Most work so far has been on legal discussions, and the committee is going through the bill. CDPHE's next step is selecting a PRO. Most substantive work starts during the fall.
- c. HB 1194 - [Landfill remediation grant bill](#)
 - i. Sets up a grant fund for communities to remediate retired landfills. Also sets up a process to settle disputes between municipalities and other agencies.

- d. HB 1011 - [Right to repair for agriculture](#)
 - i. Last year, the legislature passed a right-to-repair law for wheelchairs. Right now, companies have a monopoly on repairing their own equipment. Example: You can get a Toyota repaired anywhere, but that's not always the case for agricultural equipment. It has passed out of the House, and it's now in the Senate. Sen. Priola is a swing vote.
- e. Kris Holstrom: [EPA is working on waste characterization in Telluride.](#)