

Northern Colorado Council Meeting - February 14th, 2023

Attendees

- Charlotte Pitt
- Becca Walkinshaw
- Randy Moorman
- Jill Martin
- Scott Simmons
- Ally Byzewski
- Carolyn (Estes)
- Neil Noble
- Dan Garvin
- Renga
- Ermine Cunningham
- Charles Kamenides
- Liz Chapman
- Shelly Fuller

Q1 Meeting Agenda with Notes

Welcome

- Recycle Colorado: To advance infrastructure, end markets, and state and local policies in waste reduction, recovery, and diversion.
- NoCo Council introduction: 2023 To educate Northern Colorado business, residents, municipalities, and Recycle Colorado members on the vast recycling resources available to them.
- Introduce Council Leadership
 - Chair: Becca Walkinshaw, Republic Services
 - Vice Chair: Amy Randall, Circular Colorado
 - **Recorder: Looking for someone to support**
 - Board Liaisons: Charlie Kamenides, City of Longmont; Neil Nobel, Republic Services
 - Staff Lead: Ally Byzewski, Operations Coordinator

Spotlight Presentation: Recycling resources for municipalities and communities

Speakers

- Randy Moorman, Eco-Cycle
 - randy@ecocycle.org
- Jill Martin, Recycling Partnership
 - jmartin@recyclingpartnership.org
- Charlotte Pitt, Recycling Partnership

- cpitt@recyclingpartnership.org

Randy - Technical Assistance Service provider (TASP) Program

- Funded through FRWD fund at CDPHE
- Provides progressing tiers technical support at no extra cost
- Towns, cities, communities can all come to TASP and request assistance
- Zero waste planning, local and regional feasibility assistance

- Eligibility: Must be located in the front range
 - Includes towns, cities, unincorporated areas, and public schools
 - Private industries and corporations are not eligible
- Help Communities meet their zero waste and sustainability goals
- Three tiers of technical support
 - Tier one: Light touch consulting, workshops, office hours, access to resource library
 - Tier two: What are things we can actually do to meet your goals, projects that can be complete in 6 month time frame, how to group communities together to accomplish similar support
 - Tier three: Support for project that will take longer (6-18 months), may need to get extra funding, but TASP can help you acquire this
- Do not provide funding through TASP, just support
- Examples for tier 2 & 3 projects
 - Policy evaluation and recommendations
 - See list in presentation
- Official launch is March 15th
- Webinar to launch TASP: March 15th, 1-2pm
- TASP Website: <https://www.coloradofrwd.org/tasp>
- TASP Email: frontrangetasp@recycle.com

Questions for Randy

- If you are a support group, you cannot apply for TASP, but you can encourage your city to and can help get projects off the ground.
- Greely is completing a study on trash and wondering if they have contacted already.
 - Randy said they will reach out to municipalities and counties
 - You should nudge your city to apply

Recycling Partnership

- Help families and communities recycle better and recycle more because there is such a small recycle rate
- Goals
 - Increase access to recycling
 - Make sure all recyclables make it into the bin (are diverted)
 - Make the right things are in the bin (no contamination)
- Nationwide support, but hoping to provide more support
- Infrastructure Grants

- Would go in concurrent with TASP
- They can provide the funding fro TASP like projects
 - Offer grants for cart based curbside collection
 - Fund up to \$15/cart, depending on type of service
 - Can also provide technical assistance
 - Design type for collateral and outreach materials
 - RFP is always available and there is no deadlines
 - Can do co-granting with other grants like FRWD or match or get you more funds
 - Can award grants very quickly or ones that take time
 - Drop-Off Infrastructure Grants
 - Help provide funding for compactors and rolloffs
 - Need help with hub and spoke planning for transporting materials
 - Design team helps with collateral
 - MRF assistance and material specific grants
 - Each have their own grants
 - Polypropylene
 - PET
 - UBC
 - Film & Flexibles
 - Small Community Education grant (FREE)
 - Hoping to add this for Colorado (partner with RC)
 - Helps to provide free recycling resources to residents
 - Provide customizable collateral designs
 - You can enter in all your residents addresses and it can send out these resources to everyone
 - Anti-Contamination Recycling Toolkit
 - Step by step, how to combat contamination at the curb
 - Provide you with all the resources to do this and have the data to support it
 - Multi-Family Toolkit
 - How to improve Multi-Family participation
 - Drop off contamination toolkit
- Provide technical assistance to every grant program

Charlotte Pitt is local Recycling partnership support, so you can contact her for support here in Colorado. Based in Denver.

Questions for the Recycling Partnership

35 gallon carts cause issues with the automated claws on collection trucks? Can crush them. Is this true? Does it present a problem?

- With cold conditions in CO, this could cause issues if automated claw is not calibrated to this new size
- Do not recommend a smaller size cart, because you could run into capacity issues

Do the grants help those who already have recycling infrastructure in place to do the collection?

- They can provide technical assistance from the group up or any other progress of your recycling program (no recycling program)
- Does assume the community does have some level of control over the recycling program

Is there a way to utilize grant programs in an open market system? Can a community use grants to get bins for the community if members of the community are using another hauler?

- Might see a reduction in fees for a little bit
- Have not figured out the open market yet. Not sure how the community gets a discount if a single hauler in the community received a grant. Community needs to have some control to maintain this
- Recommend the community has their own carts so if they switch haulers, they have the carts already

How often are MRF grants granted?

- 42 active MRF grants
- Will post RFPs on website
- If MRF is in need they can support

If living in HOA and only cans are getting picked up, how do you create signs for this?

- Anyone can access the signage materials
- DIY Signage and Campaign materials
- Do need to login and answer a few question
 - This will help find signage for you
- Does not include printing costs, but will do design work for you

How successful are small community grants?

- Basic recycling information going to households
- Only communities with specific tonnage data will tell them if it is successful
- Still working with Michigan to see how successful the resources have been
- Hoping to work with haulers to get metrics for this
- No feedback from residents
- Communities love it (Counties, regions, districts)
 - Easy to educate in a regional way
 - Consistent across the region is beneficial
- MRF love it because they can educate the community in their MRF-shed
 - Using this as a resource to get out to their communities

Q1 Noco Council Meeting

Survey: What would you like to learn about at future presentations?

- Signage and resources for kids, parents and schools
- Resources for hard to recycle materials in NoCo
 - Eco-Cycle has a one stop shop for where to put these materials

- Noco does not have a single one stop shop so having something that explains where to bring your materials in this part of the state would be great
- Light bulb recycling?
- Scrap metal collection facility in another community did really well, so where do we find those resources in NoCo
 - Dan Garvin is a scrap metal provider in Noco
 - Placing a bin in communities can be tricky because people will steal the metal out of it. Right people are not getting the credit they deserve
 - Windsor does a cleanup day and it is a big event that draws a lot of people
 - Can help with weekend cleanups rather than just leave out a bin
 - What are the key items you can and cannot take, How scrap metal recycling works in CO
- Key successes in local communities
 - What each community is trying to accomplish
 - Curious what other communities are doing to get things going, how are they successful
- Does Recycle Colorado know the relevant people in municipal governments and then contact them directly to make sure they are aware of opportunities?
 - Trying to use social media and newsletters to reach people we cannot
 - Staffing cannot reach out and know who is in which position right now
 - Municipality staff are feeling a bit overwhelmed right now
 - EMAIL YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY: send these resources to your municipality so they can have access and see them
- How to work with other entities involved in Weld County beginning to recycle?
 - Similar to idea above
- Create a statewide/NOCO A-Z guide that would be similar to Eco-Cycle's A-Z guide (which is specific to Boulder)?
 - Very regional, not one size fits all, so this becomes difficult to create
 - State-wide recycle list will come out with EPR, but cannot currently

Recycle Colorado Updates

- Summit for Recycling 2023
- May 21st-23rd, Steamboat Springs, CO
- Send Summit Speaker/Topic Ideas:
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeON9_EoTdTZsnxbKbjXptqTQvBqDhYsMVz9drV7tRdz1FuLA/viewform?usp=sf_link
 - Shelly Fuller: Hazardous Materials Facility Manager, fires at MRFs from hazardous materials
 - Carolyn: Chemical Recycling of plastics
- Should discuss what is considered recycling and what is chemical recycling

Community Updates

Charles Kamenides, Longmont, Boulder County

- A-1 Organics is changing accepted materials at city facilities and events that can go in the compost bin. The contamination issue is affecting everyone in CO
- Will accept loose yard trimming, loose food, food in in 3 gallon or smaller compost bag
- No compostable cups, straws, paper, napkins
- Requirement begins April 1st

Shelly Fuller, Boulder County

Product stewardship or EPR for vape devices

Upcoming NoCo Meetings:

- Becca will schedule a planning meeting for Q2 Presentation
- Q2 Presentation May 9th 3-4:30pm