

Attendees In-Person: Angela French, Wayne Wano Urbonas, Devon Balet, Jennifer Richardson, Jerod Timothy, Jenny Nitzky, Scott Belifuss, David Miller, Bob Peterson

Attendees Online: Liz Chapman, Ally Byzewski, Rob Writz, Laurie Batchelder Adams, Jeff Purdy, Darla Arians, Jed McDonald, Jeff Kendell, Chris Trosper, Adam Hill, Celene Peck-Andreano, Kris Holstrom

### **New 2024 Leadership**

- Chair: Jennifer Richardson, Mesa County Solid Waste
- Vice Chair: **STILL NEED A VOLUNTEER**
- Recorder: Celene Peck-Andreano, Glass to Glass Denver

### **Recap of 2023 Western Slope Council Meetings**

- Erica Chavez, American Recycling
  - E-waste recycler in Nebraska providing pick up and assistance with collection events
- Carla Bergstrom, Municipal Measurement Program
  - Recourse to help track how much material is coming in and what kind of material is coming in
  - Check out this resource: <https://www.municipalmeasurement.com/>
- Eric Heyboer & Laurie Johnson with the Circular Economy Development Center presented on the development and spotlighting of material recycling solutions to help build a circular economy in Colorado
  - Satellite office in Grand Junction
  - [Circular Economy Development Center Presentation Recording from Circular Colorado](#) during C&D Council meeting (Same presentation)
- Western Slope Recycling Project: Provided data that helped inform decisions for Producer Responsibility Needs Assessment and other regional projects

### **2024 Recycle Colorado Policy Recommendations**

- Waste Tire Recycling Reauthorization Policy
- RREO/FRWD grant program legislation update to create the C3E grant program
  - Issues with current programs: Projects had to be ready to go and complete by the end of the year
  - Circular Colorado Communities Fund (C3E) New Grant Program:
    - Concerned that current proposal is recommend that they remove the CPI index and 14 cents that the Front Range pays in to the fund
    - Hearing from members that they object for that overall dollar amount being collected being reduced as this would reduce funds available for grant applicants to receive
    - They have an excess in funds collected and therefore do not see a reason to increase the fees collected each year
    - Increase in Solid Waste User Fees for all rural and front range waste haulers

- FRWD fees will no longer have to be paid by Front range haulers
- Rural Hauler will still pay for grant program fees
  - ***With these changes, Front Range will see a reduction in fees they have to pay and Rural areas will see an increase in fees they have to pay***
- From CDPHE on the new legislation: “If you would like to continue to receive information about this legislative proposal, we are developing a dedicated stakeholder list rather than continue with mass emails. If you would like to opt-in to receiving continued updates, [please complete this form](#) with your name, organization, and email.”
  - Concern/support for legislation to help address illegal dumping of materials
- Producer Responsibility for Batteries
  - Would be similar to paint recycling program
  - Lithium batteries are becoming more popular in the waste stream, but they are expensive to recycle and dangerous in landfills and recycle centers

#### Additional Recycle Colorado Councils

- [Construction & Deconstruction Council](#): Helps address larger materials that are going to landfills, to help divert them and save space in your landfills
  - Created the [C&D Policy Toolkit](#)
- [Colorado Composting Council](#): Learn and discuss all things compost related
  - Work on compost policy and issues around the state to help improve collection
  - Next year Grand Junction will host the USCC compost operator training for new composters to learn how to compost

#### Colorado Gives Day

Please consider a small donation to help support Recycle Colorado this Gives Day, December 5th! - [GIVE](#)

#### Recycling Feasibility Study - Laurie Batchelder Adams

- GJ has a new Dual stream system to collect waste, recycling and compost, but the recycle center is not able to keep up with the material they are collecting
  - Currently processes 1600 tons a year, with 70% of the material coming from the drop site
- Looked at creating both a city and county-sized MRF
  - Needs to process a minimum of 10 tons/hr to be successful
  - Success relies heavily on material collected from private haulers (>70% of recyclables are collected by private haulers)
- Current processing needs are projecting that there will be a large increase in the amount of material collected and needing to be processed
  - Existing tonnage is estimated because it is difficult to get tonnages from private haulers
- With the numbers that were found through the research, concepts for a few options for MRF layouts were created

- Various acreage sizes, drop-off site options
- Study only looked at a single shift, more material could be collected with additional shifts
- What are next steps
  - Looking at having a consultant help to design a facility and get the fleet size to help address and support this increase in material as well
  - Explore partnership opportunities with municipalities and private sector
  - Explore policy to help obtain data and ensure tonnages