

TOWN MANAGER REPORT - April 17th TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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Kristen Bertuglia and I attended the Training For Local Officials in Carbondale on April 6th (I traveled to the location and Kristen attended by phone). The agenda for the training is pasted below, for your review. It was a well-attended conference, focusing on the CC4CA structure, state lobbying procedures, pending legislation, and policy strategies.

As the topic arises from time to time, the function and mission of CC4CA, as distinguished from the myriad other climate action groups and government consortiums, is primarily based upon policy advocacy at the state level. Also pasted below is a one page summary of the organization, which includes the list of membership local governments. The Town of Carbondale has recently joined the consortium.

Related, CC4CA, recently submitted a letter to the Governor that concerns the Advanced Clean Car Standards. This is a very significant topic as efforts are underway at the federal level to roll back the EPA standards related to auto emissions. Many states have responded by utilizing authority provided in the Clean Air Act to adopt Advanced Clean Car Standards, essentially preserving the current federal standards now in place, but being threatened.

The letter was signed by 52 county commissioners in Colorado, and members of 26 municipalities. Councilmember Langmaid agreed to be included as a signatory. The letter has had compelling influence on the Governor's Office and we are hopeful that some administrative action will follow in the weeks ahead. A copy of the letter follows.



***Advocating for Climate Protection Policy Beyond City and County Boundaries:
A Training for Local Government Officials***

April 6, 2018
Calaway Room, Third Street Center, 520 South Third Street, Carbondale
12:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. **Lunch, Introductions & Overview** 12:30 pm
 Welcome and introductions (Steve Child, Pitkin County Commissioner; Dan Richardson, Mayor, Carbondale; Mona Newton, CEO/President, Community Office for Resource Efficiency.)
 About CC4CA (Carl Castillo, CC4CA chair, City of Boulder Policy Advisor)
 - a. Mission, vision and workplan
 - b. Advocacy and the power of local government coalition
 - c. Committee structure and decision-making
 - d. Member governments and roles
 - e. Consultants and roles
 - f. CC4CA's policy agenda - adoption and use
 - g. Converting the policy agenda to action
2. **Making the Case that Climate Protection Matters to Local Governments** (Jacob Smith, CC4CA Interim Executive Director) 1:30 pm
 - a. Key substantive elements of the case for climate protection
 - b. Key language elements of the case for climate protection
 - c. Why state policy matters for climate change and the nexus to local government concerns
- BREAK** 2:15 pm
3. **Lobbying to Affect Change at the State Capitol** (Mark Ruzzin, Boulder County Senior Policy Analyst) 2:30 pm
 - a. The legislative structure & process
 - b. An example: the RTA bill
 - c. Where you come in
 - i. Lobbying
 - ii. Engaging constituents
 - iii. Testifying
4. **Bringing the Pieces Together** (Jacob Smith) 3:15 pm
 - a. Core Approaches for crafting policy strategies
 - b. Designing an "outside strategy" that integrates with the "inside strategy"
 - c. Tactics (e.g., editorials, op-eds, coalition-building, public meetings)



Colorado Communities for Climate Action

March 2018

Colorado Communities for Climate Action is a new coalition of local governments that advocates for state and federal policies to protect Colorado's climate for current and future generations.

The state and federal actions the coalition seeks are needed to complement the local climate actions CC4CA members already have underway, which include ambitious goals to reduce local heat-trapping emissions and strong local policies to meet those goals. But local governments simply cannot meet their climate goals on their own—they also need a better framework of state and federal climate policies to enable their local actions to be more effective. That reality led to the creation of CC4CA, in which local governments have joined forces to work for state and federal actions supporting and complementing local climate-protection actions.

The 17 members of CC4CA are:

- Boulder County
- City of Fort Collins
- City of Westminster
- City of Boulder
- Eagle County
- Summit County
- City of Lafayette
- City of Golden
- Pitkin County
- San Miguel County
- City of Aspen
- Town of Carbondale
- Town of Vail
- Town of Basalt
- Town of Frisco
- Town of Telluride
- Town of Mountain Village

Already, the coalition represents more than one-eighth of all Coloradans, and additional local governments are expected to soon join CC4CA.

Colorado Communities for Climate Action has adopted, by unanimous consent among its members, a policy agenda of steps that should be taken at the state and federal levels, often in partnership with local governments, to enable Colorado and its communities to lead in protecting the climate. The agenda includes state legislative and executive branch policies and actions to:

- extend current authorities and provide new ones for local actions,
- set new state climate-protection goals,
- define and implement concrete steps to meet those goals,
- reduce heat-trapping emissions through concrete new policies on electricity generation, energy efficiency, transportation, and waste management.

The coalition is assisted by consultants, including Frontline Public Affairs to represent it before the state and federal governments, and Cedar Creek Strategies and the Rocky Mountain Climate Organization to administer the coalition and support decision making-making for its members.

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Elected Officials from Colorado Local Governments

March 30, 2018

The Honorable John D. Hickenlooper
Governor of Colorado
200 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Governor Hickenlooper:

On behalf of the Colorado communities that we are privileged to represent, thank you for your leadership in working to reduce Colorado's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. We ask that you protect that legacy, now threatened by the impending rollback of the EPA's federal auto emission standards, by adopting Advanced Clean Car Standards.

On October 5, 2017, your Department of Public Health and Environment submitted comments on the federal government's proposed "Reconsideration of the Final Determination of the Mid-Term Evaluation of Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards for Model Year 2022-2025." The proposal would essentially undo the fuel economy increases through 2025 that EPA adopted in 2015. By 2030, these standards are estimated to annually save consumers over \$50 billion, reduce oil consumption by 23 billion gallons, and reduce national greenhouse gas emissions by 270 million tons. They have already spurred innovation in the auto industry, leading to all kinds of improvements – advanced aerodynamic design, lighter weight materials, better engine design, and new electric vehicle designs – all of which are helping consumers save fuel costs. In other words, these standards have been working well in Colorado and across the country.

An analysis by the Environmental Defense Fund indicates that the federal government's expected decision to freeze the standards at 2020 levels would increase the annual emissions by vehicles in Colorado of NOx by 15 percent and GHG emissions by up to 3.8 million tons. This is roughly equivalent to the emissions from 900,000 vehicles and nearly the amount of GHG reductions that are produced annually by Comanche Units 1 and 2. In short, it would undercut our shared air quality and climate goals and nearly wipe out all the progress we would have otherwise have made under Xcel Energy's Colorado Energy Plan and other statewide actions that you have championed, including your Executive Order goal of reaching 2025 GHG reductions of at least 26 percent compared to 2005 levels. Our residents have charged us with reaching aggressive local climate action goals. Freezing the standards would undermine these community efforts.

To protect the ability to reach our goals, Colorado can do what 12 other states and Washington, D.C have already done, which is to use the authority provided by Section 177 of the Clean Air Act to adopt a set of Advanced Clean Car Standards. This would essentially preserve current federal standards in Colorado with the notable addition of also requiring increased sales of electric vehicles. The required increases would be at a reasonable and incremental level that is in

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furtherance of the Colorado Electric Vehicle Plan and consistent with Colorado sales volumes already being achieved by at least two automakers. Such leadership would ensure that Colorado does not go backwards on clean air, climate or consumer protection.

Thank you for your consideration. Each of us looks forward to the opportunity to support you making this decision to protect Colorado's climate for current and future generations.

Sincerely,

Alan Apt, Board of Trustees
Town of Nederland

Chelsea Behanna, City Council
City of Lafayette

Christine Berg, Mayor
City of Lafayette

Shannon Bird, City Council
City of Westminster

Aaron Brockett, City Council
City of Boulder

Todd Brown, Town Council
Town of Telluride

Kathy Chandler-Henry, Commissioner
Eagle County

Saoirse Charis-Graves, City Council
City of Golden

Steve Child, Commissioner
Pitkin County

Hilary Cooper, Commissioner
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Maria De Cambra, City Council
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Gilpin County

Dan Jansen, Town Council
Town of Mountain Village

Nicole Johnston, City Council
City of Aurora

Suzanne Jones, Mayor
City of Boulder

Kim Langmaid, Town Council
Town of Vail

Tim Mauck, Commissioner
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Jeanne McQueeney, Commissioner
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Lisa Morzel, City Council
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Ann Mullins, City Council
City of Aspen

Mirabai Nagle, City Council
City of Boulder

Steve O'Dorisio, Commissioner
Adams County

Dan Richardson, Mayor
Town of Carbondale

Jordan Sauers, City Council
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Steve Skadron, Mayor
City of Aspen

Marjorie Sloan, Mayor
City of Golden

Karn Stiegelmeier, Commissioner
Summit County

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Eric Mamula, Mayor
Town of Breckenridge

Joan May, Commissioner
San Miguel County

Eric Montoya, City Council
City of Thornton

Julie Duran Mullica, City Council
City of Northglenn

Sean Murphy, Mayor
Town of Telluride

George Newman, Commissioner
Pitkin County

Greg Poschman, Commissioner
Pitkin County

Jill Ryan, Commissioner
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City of Westminster

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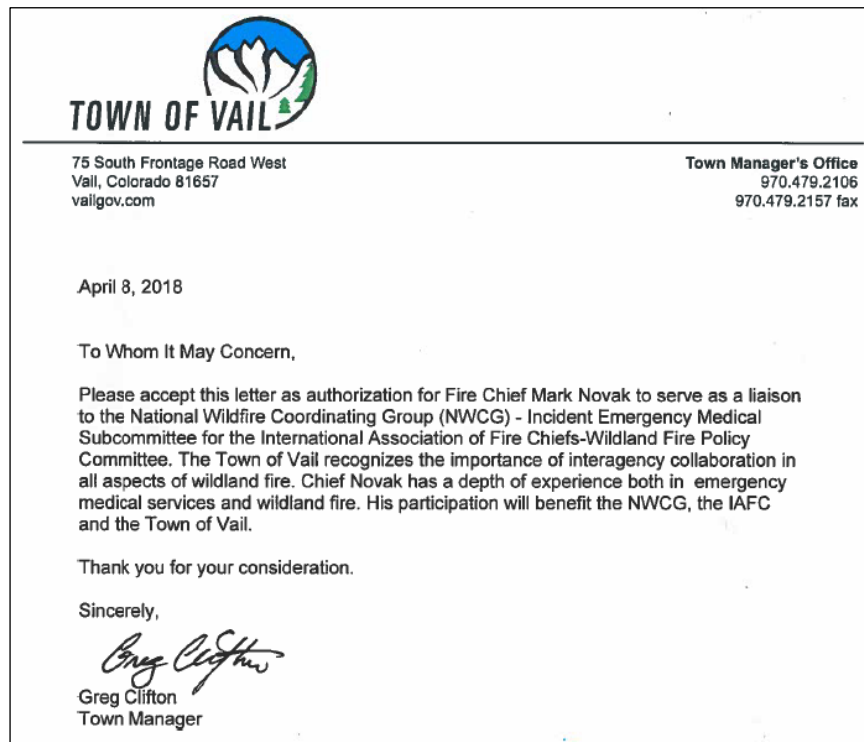
Randy Wheelock, Commissioner
Clear Creek County

Sam Weaver, City Council
City of Boulder

Jenny Willford, City Council
City of Northglenn

Fire Chief Update

Fire Chief Mark Novak has been appointed to serve as liaison to the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) – Incident Emergency Medical Subcommittee. This is an important interagency collaboration which is of course imperative when addressing the topic of wildland fires. The previous report in the Council's April 4th packet included a short narrative regarding a more regionalized collaboration, resulting in the effective extinguishment of a wildfire near Edwards in recent weeks. The below authorization letter speaks to the appointment:



Retreat Schedule

Just a friendly reminder, the Council / Staff retreat is occurring on May 15th during the afternoon at the Clubhouse. Details and agenda to follow. The purpose of this meeting is to reconvene with the Council to continue the discussion, and prioritization, of the Town Council 2018-20 Action Plan.

Second, the scheduled retreat with Vail Resorts may be bumped from the suggested date of May 22. The likely new date will be in mid-June. We will discuss during the Council's regular meeting on April 17th.