



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MEMORANDUM
#22-2021

DATE: Aug. 9, 2021

TO: Honorable Mayor Meredith Leighty and City Council Members

THROUGH: Heather Geyer, City Manager 

FROM: Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning & Development 
Becky Smith, Planning Manager

SUBJECT: CR-76 – Colorado Communities for Climate Action 2021-2022 Policy Statement

PURPOSE

To consider CR-76, a resolution in support of the Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) 2021-2022 Policy Statement. CC4CA is a coalition of local governments across Colorado that advocates for State and Federal policies to protect Colorado's climate for current and future generations. City Council supports the proposed Policy Statement per direction at the Aug. 2 Study Session.

BACKGROUND

The City of Northglenn became a member of CC4CA in 2018. As a member, the City has had the opportunity to weigh in on the development of the CC4CA Policy Statement, which is updated on an annual basis to adjust the policy positions of the organization. CC4CA's 2021-2022 Policy Statement update reflects unanimous agreement among the coalition members on steps that should be taken at the State and Federal level, often in partnership with local governments, to enable Colorado and its communities to lead in protecting the climate.

The proposed statements were developed through CC4CA committees, which solicited input from every member jurisdiction and then prepared updates to reflect that input.

CC4CA held its all-member annual retreat to review and finalize the policy statement on June 4, 2021. The retreat, and the many months of work before the retreat by CC4CA's Policy Committee and Board of Directors (on which every member jurisdiction is represented), provided the opportunity for all members to share input on each of the policy positions and the statements were modified accordingly. CC4CA members did a significant amount of work to finalize the proposed statement based on the input of all member councils and boards and to gain the approval of all members present at the retreat. At this time, all members of CC4CA are asked to ratify the updated policy statement formally.

Most of the updates are non-substantive. Below all the substantive proposed updates are listed:

Substantive Proposed Updates

- a) Add a new item on solid waste, wastewater, and agricultural waste (which will now be Policy Position #24):

24. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from water treatment, wastewater treatment, solid waste, and agricultural activities.

- b) Add a new item on water conservation (which will now be Policy Position #28):

28. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase resilience associated with water management through water conservation, efficiency, reuse, adaptation and low impact development strategies.

NOTE: This language was crafted by an ad-hoc working group in April and May to find language that clearly identifies water-related greenhouse gas emissions as important to CC4CA but avoids the issues on which CC4CA's members may not share a unified view (specifically on water storage, diversions, and the varying perspectives across the Western Slope and Front Range).

The non-substantive changes are minor/clarifying and copy-editing updates. The changes are outlined in Attachment 1, a memo from CC4CA regarding the Ratification of Updates to the CC4CA Policy Statement.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS

Annually, CC4CA seeks membership approval on the policy statement. Approval of the policy statement does not impact the budget. The membership level is based on population and is \$5,000 for Northglenn. Membership dues are collected annually.

CC4CA is asking member communities to provide support of the 2021-2022 Policy Statement by July 31, 2021. The Council's consideration of continuing the CC4CA membership will be part of the 2022 Budget process.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of CR-76.

STAFF REFERENCE

If Council members have any questions, please contact Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning & Development, at bsvoboda@northglenn.org or 303.450.8937.

ATTACHMENTS

1. CC4CA 2021-2022 Policy Statement (with tracked changes from the June 4, 2021 review of the draft agenda)

CR-76 – Colorado Communities for Climate Action 2021-2022 Policy Agenda



CC4CA Policy Statement
Effective July 1, 2021
Adopted by the Board of Directors June 4, 2021

Colorado Communities for Climate Action is a coalition of local governments advocating for stronger state and federal climate policy. CC4CA's policy positions ~~for 2020-2021~~ reflect unanimous agreement among the coalition members on steps that should be taken at the state and federal level, often in partnership with local governments, to enable Colorado and its communities to lead in protecting the climate.

CC4CA generally focuses on legislative, regulatory, and administrative action, supporting efforts that advance the general policy principles and the detailed policy positions described below, and opposing efforts that would weaken or undermine these principles and positions.

General Policy Principles

The following general principles guide Colorado Communities for Climate Action's specific policy positions. CC4CA supports:

- Collaboration between state and federal government agencies and Colorado's local governments to advance local climate protection and resilience.
- State and federal programs to reduce carbon-greenhouse gas pollution, including adequate and ongoing funding of those programs.
- Analyses, financial incentives, infrastructure, and enabling policies for the development and deployment of clean energy technologies.
- Locally driven and designed programs to support communities impacted by the clean energy transformation.
- Prioritizing policies that put equity at the center of decision-making by addressing systemic environmental and governance inequities based on race and socioeconomic status and by justly transitioning and growing the clean economy. Prioritizing policies that put people at the center of decision-making, minimizing disparities in growing the clean economy, especially for historically marginalized communities, and enhancing equitable outcomes for all.

Adams County · Aspen · Avon · Basalt · Boulder · Boulder County · Breckenridge · Broomfield
 Carbondale · Clear Creek County · Crested Butte · Dillon · Eagle County · Edgewater · Erie · Fort Collins
 Frisco · Gilpin County · Glenwood Springs · Golden · Lafayette · Longmont · Louisville · Lyons · Mountain Village
 Nederland · Northglenn · Ouray County · Pitkin County · Ridgway · Salida · San Miguel County
 Snowmass Village · Summit County · Superior · Telluride · Vail · Westminster

Policy Positions

Colorado Communities for Climate Action supports the following policy positions:

Statewide Climate Strategies

1. Reduce statewide ~~carbon-greenhouse gas~~ emissions consistent with or greater than the State of Colorado's 2019 codified goals.
2. Secure accurate, actionable, useful, and regular ~~frequent~~ state greenhouse gas inventories and forecasts for Colorado which are made accessible to local governments and incorporate alignment between state and local inventory data to the extent possible and designed to be useful for stakeholders.
3. Adopt a comprehensive market-based approach to reduce Colorado's greenhouse gas emissions that ensures the benefits accrue justly and equitably to impacted communities.
4. Expand consideration of the environmental and health costs associated with the use of fossil fuels in making and implementing climate-related policy.

Local Climate Strategies

5. Remove barriers and promote opportunities that allow counties and municipalities to maximize ~~the~~ deployment of local clean energy and climate-related strategies, including resilience-oriented strategies, while promoting affordable, accessible, and equitable delivery of reliable clean energy.
6. Enable local governments to obtain the energy use and other data from utilities and state agencies that they need to effectively administer climate and clean energy programs.
7. Support a comprehensive public process for evaluating retail and wholesale energy choice options for communities, informed by a broad variety of stakeholders.
- ~~8. Support policies that promote the efficient use of energy in buildings.~~
89. Provide for cost-effective and equitable policies, strategies, and practices that enable and accelerate energy efficiency in buildings, beneficial electrification, reducing GHG emissions, improving quality of life, and making the electric grid more robust and resilient.

Energy Generation

910. Accelerate retirement of existing fossil fuel generation facilities and their replacement with cost-effective and reliable clean energy supplies, through means that ~~protect support both~~ utilities, ~~and~~ consumers, and the communities where these facilities have been located.

101. Expand the ability of electric cooperatives and municipal electric utilities to independently purchase local renewable electricity and take other steps to reduce greenhouse gas ~~carbon~~ pollution.

112. Modernize energy infrastructure to enhance community-based resilience and integrate distributed energy resources.

Energy Efficiency

123. Expand demand side savings from efficiency and conservation for all energy types.

134. Support ongoing and sustainable funding for weatherization and renewable energy assistance to low-income households, including those ~~from in coal~~ fossil fuel-dominated economies, so that all Coloradans have access to comfortable and affordable homes.

145. Support ongoing and sustainable funding for programs that assist communities in the transition from ~~coal~~ fossil fuel-dominated economies.

156. Provide counties and statutory cities and towns with the same authority held by home rule cities to implement local energy conservation policies and programs.

Transportation

167. Ensure effective implementation of Colorado's vehicle emissions standards and other legislative, regulatory, and programmatic activities designed to reduce ~~carbon~~ greenhouse gas emissions from mobile sources ~~vehicles~~.

178. Implement the 2020 Colorado Electric Vehicle Plan and other efforts to increase electrification of all motor vehicles.

189. Increase funding and policy incentives for multimodal transportation and multimodal-friendly development statewide.

1920. Incentivize and select mobility alternatives, including movement of both people and goods, based on energy efficiency, ~~and and~~ environmental costs and benefits.

Fossil Fuel Extraction Activities

204. Expand monitoring and reduction of the full life cycle emissions from fossil fuel extractive industry activities.

Solid Waste Reduction

212. Grant CDPHE ~~the~~ authority to implement a plan for meeting Colorado’s statewide and regional solid waste diversion goals.

223. Reduce or eliminate ~~the~~ use of disposable/single-use products and promote ~~the~~ reuse of materials, including construction and demolition waste.

234. Foster circular economy policies like infrastructure, policies, incentives, and programs for reuse, recycling, and composting, and reducing the carbon intensiveness of materials and products.

24. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from water treatment, wastewater treatment, solid waste, and agricultural activities.

General

25. Encourage ~~the~~ adoption of climate-positive innovations like telecommuting, drawing from the lessons learned during the coronavirus pandemic, to substantially reduce air and carbon-greenhouse gas pollution.

26. Promote proactive programs and efforts that improve the resilience and adaptability of Colorado communities in the face of natural disasters and other major challenges associated with climate change, including ensuring that disaster stabilization and recovery efforts result in reduced carbon-greenhouse gas pollution and improved resilience to future disasters.

27. Support exploration and deployment, when appropriate, of natural climate solutions (NCS) and of carbon capture and utilization/sequestration (CCUS).

28. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase resilience associated with water management through water conservation, efficiency, reuse, adaptation and low impact development strategies.

28. Incorporate equity, accessibility, and just transition considerations into climate policies and actions.

Formatted: Font: Not Italic

Formatted: Font: Not Italic

29. Encourage investments that achieve climate-positive solutions, including policies that encourage entities investing public dollars to consider partial or full divestment as part of their investment strategies.

30. Maintain protections and authorities currently provided under environmental laws like the National Environmental Policy Act, ~~the~~ Clean Air Act, and ~~the~~ Clean Water Act, and ensure that these laws are fully implemented.

Formatted: Keep with next

Formatted: Font: Not Italic

Formatted: Font: Not Italic, No underline

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR LEIGHTY

COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-76
Series of 2021

Series of 2021

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE JUNE 2021 UPDATES TO THE COLORADO COMMUNITIES FOR CLIMATE ACTION POLICY STATEMENT

WHEREAS, the Northglenn City Council adopted a Sustainability Plan on September 24, 2018 to promote environmental quality, economic vitality, and social equity for all residents and businesses of Northglenn;

WHEREAS, the Northglenn City Council recognizes that local policies and local action, while critical, will not alone be sufficient to meet our own climate, energy, and sustainability goals, nor will they alone be sufficient to reduce the severity of climate change and its impacts to our community;

WHEREAS, the City of Northglenn, along with 38 other municipalities and counties in Colorado, have joined Colorado Communities for Climate Action (“CC4CA”), a coalition of local governments across the state which advocates for state and federal policies which support clean air, clean water, reduction of fossil fuel consumption and other contributors associated with greenhouse gas emissions;

WHEREAS, an integral part of this system is the adoption of updates to CC4CA’s Policy Statement, which guides the coalition’s work; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northglenn desires to have an effective voice in the development of statewide energy and greenhouse gas reduction policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The City of Northglenn supports the attached June 2021 updates to the Colorado Communities for Climate Action Policy Statement.

DATED at Northglenn, Colorado, this ____ day of _____, 2021.

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

ATTEST:

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COREY Y. HOFFMANN
City Attorney



CC4CA Policy Statement

Effective July 1, 2021

Adopted by the Board of Directors June 4, 2021

Colorado Communities for Climate Action is a coalition of local governments advocating for stronger state and federal climate policy. CC4CA's policy positions reflect unanimous agreement among the coalition members on steps that should be taken at the state and federal level, often in partnership with local governments, to enable Colorado and its communities to lead in protecting the climate.

CC4CA generally focuses on legislative, regulatory, and administrative action, supporting efforts that advance the general policy principles and the detailed policy positions described below, and opposing efforts that would weaken or undermine these principles and positions.

General Policy Principles

The following general principles guide Colorado Communities for Climate Action's specific policy positions. CC4CA supports:

- Collaboration between state and federal government agencies and Colorado's local governments to advance local climate protection and resilience.
- State and federal programs to reduce greenhouse gas pollution, including adequate and ongoing funding of those programs.
- Analyses, financial incentives, infrastructure, and enabling policies for the development and deployment of clean energy technologies.
- Locally driven and designed programs to support communities impacted by the clean energy transformation.
- Prioritizing policies that put equity at the center of decision-making by addressing systemic environmental and governance inequities based on race and socioeconomic status and by justly transitioning and growing the clean economy.

Adams County · Aspen · Avon · Basalt · Boulder · Boulder County · Breckenridge · Broomfield
Carbondale · Clear Creek County · Crested Butte · Dillon · Eagle County · Edgewater · Erie · Fort Collins
Frisco · Gilpin County · Glenwood Springs · Golden · Lafayette · Longmont · Louisville · Lyons · Mountain Village
Nederland · Northglenn · Ouray County · Pitkin County · Ridgway · Salida · San Miguel County
Snowmass Village · Summit County · Superior · Telluride · Vail · Westminster

Policy Positions

Colorado Communities for Climate Action supports the following policy positions:

Statewide Climate Strategies

- 1. Reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions consistent with or greater than the State of Colorado's 2019 codified goals.**
- 2. Secure accurate, actionable useful, and regular state greenhouse gas inventories and forecasts for Colorado which are made accessible to local governments and incorporate alignment between state and local inventory data to the extent possible.**
- 3. Adopt a comprehensive market-based approach to reduce Colorado's greenhouse gas emissions that ensures the benefits accrue justly and equitably to impacted communities.**
- 4. Expand consideration of the environmental and health costs associated with the use of fossil fuels in making and implementing climate-related policy.**

Local Climate Strategies

- 5. Remove barriers and promote opportunities that allow counties and municipalities to maximize deployment of local clean energy and climate-related strategies, including resilience-oriented strategies, while promoting affordable, accessible, and equitable delivery of reliable clean energy.**
- 6. Enable local governments to obtain the energy use and other data from utilities and state agencies that they need to effectively administer climate and clean energy programs.**
- 7. Support a comprehensive public process for evaluating retail and wholesale energy choice options for communities, informed by a broad variety of stakeholders.**
- 8. Provide for cost-effective and equitable policies, strategies, and practices that enable and accelerate energy efficiency in buildings, beneficial electrification, reducing GHG emissions, improving quality of life, and making the electric grid more robust and resilient.**

Energy Generation

- 9. Accelerate retirement of existing fossil fuel generation facilities and their replacement with cost-effective and reliable clean energy supplies, through means that support utilities, consumers, and the communities where these facilities have been located.**

10. Expand the ability of electric cooperatives and municipal electric utilities to independently purchase local renewable electricity and take other steps to reduce greenhouse gas pollution.

11. Modernize energy infrastructure to enhance community-based resilience and integrate distributed energy resources.

Energy Efficiency

12. Expand demand side savings from efficiency and conservation for all energy types.

13. Support ongoing and sustainable funding for weatherization and renewable energy assistance to low-income households, including those in fossil fuel-dominated economies, so that all Coloradans have access to comfortable and affordable homes.

14. Support ongoing and sustainable funding for programs that assist communities in the transition from fossil fuel-dominated economies.

15. Provide counties and statutory cities and towns with the same authority held by home rule cities to implement local energy conservation policies and programs.

Transportation

16. Ensure effective implementation of Colorado's vehicle emissions standards and other regulatory and programmatic activities designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from mobile sources.

17. Implement the 2020 Colorado Electric Vehicle Plan and other efforts to increase electrification of all motor vehicles.

18. Increase funding and policy incentives for multimodal transportation and multimodal-friendly development statewide.

19. Incentivize and select mobility alternatives, including movement of both people and goods, based on energy efficiency, and environmental costs and benefits.

Fossil Fuel Extraction Activities

20. Expand monitoring and reduction of the full life cycle emissions from fossil fuel extractive industry activities.

Waste

21. Grant CDPHE authority to implement a plan for meeting Colorado's statewide and regional solid waste diversion goals.

22. Reduce or eliminate use of disposable/single-use products and promote reuse of materials, including construction and demolition waste.

23. Foster circular economy policies like reuse, recycling, composting, and reducing the carbon intensiveness of materials and products.

24. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from solid waste, water treatment, wastewater processing, and agricultural activities.

General

25. Encourage adoption of climate-positive innovations like telecommuting, drawing from the lessons learned during the coronavirus pandemic, to substantially reduce air and greenhouse gas pollution.

26. Promote proactive programs and efforts that improve the resilience and adaptability of Colorado communities in the face of natural disasters and other major challenges associated with climate change, including ensuring that disaster stabilization and recovery efforts result in reduced greenhouse gas pollution and improved resilience to future disasters.

27. Support exploration and deployment, when appropriate, of natural climate solutions (NCS) and of carbon capture and utilization/sequestration (CCUS).

28. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase resilience associated with water management through water conservation, efficiency, reuse, adaptation and low impact development strategies.

29. Encourage investments that achieve climate-positive solutions, including policies that encourage entities investing public dollars to consider partial or full divestment as part of their investment strategies.

30. Maintain protections and authorities currently provided under environmental laws like the National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Air Act, and Clean Water Act, and ensure that these laws are fully implemented.