



**EDGEWATER SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
BUSINESS MEETING**

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May 27th, 2025
6:00PM**

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3 or more other City Board or Commission members may attend this meeting

ITEM 1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 2. Roll Call

ITEM 3. Approval of Agenda

ITEM 4. Land Acknowledgement

ITEM 5. Consent Agenda

- 1) Minutes of April 22nd, 2025

ITEM 6. General Business

- 1) Sustainability Plan Strategic Update - shifted timeline
- 2) Sustainability Seminar Series - update on Q3/Q4 programming
- 3) Citizen's Park (Resource Central) Xeriscaped Garden - update
- 4) HB22-1355 (Producer Responsibility Program for Statewide Recycling Act)
 - a) [CDPHE Producer Responsibility Program:](https://cdphe.colorado.gov/hm/epr-program)
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- 5) HB24-1173 (Electric Vehicle Charging System Permits)
- 6) HB25-1096 (Automated Permits for Clean Energy Technology)
 - a) See page 2 on the attached CC4CA Policy Highlights doc

ITEM 7. Category Lead Comments

- 1) Clean Energy

- 2) Social Vibrancy
- 3) Land & Water
- 4) Waste & Materials

ITEM 8. Public Comment

ITEM 9. Discussion of Upcoming Agendas; Staff and City Council Liaison Comments

- 1) **Upcoming Agenda Topics for June 24, 2025**
- 2) **CC4CA Updates** - upcoming annual retreat in Vail

ITEM 10. BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Sustainability Board Meeting Dates & Times for the next 6 months

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:00-8:00PM

- June 24th
- July 22nd
- August 26th
- September 23rd
- October 28th
- November 25th

Sustainability Seminar Series

Q3/Q4 Potential Topics/Dates:

- Plant pruning (CSU Extension) - JULY 17th
- Rain Barrel Workshop (Groundwork Denver) - AUG 14th, *confirmed*
- Food gardens/food security (Kaizen Food Rescue) - SEPT 11th
- Home Energy (Attainable Home) - OCT 9th
- Sloan’s Lake water issues or Recycling/Composting (TBD) - NOV 13th

Sustainability Plan Strategic Update - Updated Timeline

Stage	Date
Staff Review Draft	Week of June 2nd
Board Review Draft	June 16th (<i>Board comments due via email, June 27th</i>)
Public Review Draft Posted	July 7th
Review Public Comment & provide Final Thoughts	July 22nd (Regular Board Meeting)
Council Presentation & Adoption	August 19th

CC4CA Major Legislative and Policy Initiative Highlights – April 2025 Update

Updated April 8, 2025

Note: Not a comprehensive list of CC4CA Initiatives

Focus Areas	Initiatives in 2025	What is CC4CA’s Role	Why	Update
GHG	CARBON-FREE ELECTRICITY (UTILITIES)			
	Public Utilities Commission			
	Tri-State ERP Phase 2	<p>CC4CA is working to push the PUC to determine in Phase II that Tri-State can meet its projected electricity demand with the addition of new wind and solar combined with boosting its energy efficiency programs, increased battery storage capacity, expanded participation in western energy markets, and perhaps new geothermal resources.</p>	<p>Electricity generation is one of the top five sources of Colorado’s GHG emissions. Colorado aims to achieve a minimum 80% reduction in GHG emissions from electricity generation by 2030, based on 2005 levels, with a larger goal of reaching 100% clean energy by 2040.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tri-State will release their 120 report on April 11th ● CC4CA continues to coordinate with coalition partners ● CC4CA circulated and delivered a local elected sign-on letter to Tri-State leadership ● CC4CA is organizing opinion pieces authored by local elected officials
Xcel Just Transition ERP	<p>Just Transition ERP - CC4CA is an intervener and is reviewing testimony, coordinating with other parties, and developing strategy.</p>	<p>This proceeding is important to CC4CA’s climate, environmental justice, just transition, and equity work. As part of Xcel’s last ERP, Xcel committed to plans to retire its largest coal plant, Comanche 3, by January 1, 2031. This proceeding was intended to answer the question of how the utility will replace the electricity generated by the coal plant. Since then, Xcel modeling indicates a significant increase in demand requiring significant additional generation capacity. CC4CA believes Xcel should replace Comanche 3 and Hayden coal units with as much new wind, solar, and battery storage in coal-impacted communities as possible.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CC4CA is an intervener ● Continued to review testimony, supplemental direct testimony, and discovery requests and responses ● CC4CA has made discovery requests of Xcel ● CC4CA has conducted meetings with members served by Xcel electric ● CC4CA and members Boulder and Breckenridge will submit answer testimony this month ● Preparing Answer Testimony for submittal in April 	

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Introduced and Potential Legislation				
	Clean Energy Planning 100% by 2040	This is a Polis priority piece of legislation that will update the existing Colorado 80% by 2030 CEP standard. The Colorado Energy Office is working with stakeholders, including CC4CA to develop bill language. CC4CA is working to ensure that the bill will maximize climate and equity outcomes.	Reducing emissions from the electric power sector is critical to meeting Colorado's climate goals. (e) The electric power sector is one of the largest emitters of greenhouse gases in Colorado, and there are many proven, commercially available technologies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the electric power sector. In the absence of federal climate action, it is important for Colorado to lean into climate leadership. This is one of the most significant levers for reducing emissions in Colorado.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bill is not yet introduced ● Rumored to be introduced by early next week ● CC4CA is engaging with proponents and other stakeholders ● CC4CA Leg Com voted for CEP 2040 to be a Tier One Priority
	HB25-1096 - automated clean energy permitting	Support (original position was Oppose)	The bill has been amended to only adjust a state grant program for local governments to utilize solar permitting software. The original bill would have mandated that all governments use an online permitting application for solar. While CC4CA shares the goal of the sponsors to lower the soft costs and barriers to widespread adoption of rooftop solar, this bill's original mandate did not work for our members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9 CC4CA members testified in opposition at the House Finance Committee Hearing ● Sponsors significantly amended the bill to address all of CC4CA's concerns ● CC4CA has switched our position to Support ● CC4CA has asked to meet with sponsors and proponents in the interim to look for alternative policies to reduce soft costs of solar installation
	HB25-1006 - School District Solar Garden Lease Term	Support	Permits a school district to lease district property for any length of time if the property will be used for a solar field or for affordable housing. Facilitates renewable energy generation, and local resilience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leg Com has taken a Support position ● Passed through the House ● Passed through the Senate with amendments ● In the House awaiting review of Senate amendments
	HB25-1126 - Public Utilities Commission Membership Geographic	Oppose	Increases the membership of the Public Utilities Commission from 3 to 5, with 2 of the Commissioners representing the state at large and 3 representing one district each. The 3 districts are defined to include named counties, with one consisting of the Denver metro area, one of the western region of the state, and one of the eastern region of the state. While representation is	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LegCom has taken a position of Oppose ● Passed House Energy & Environment. CC4CA staff testified in opposition ● Passed House Finance with amendments. CC4CA Past

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			important to CC4CA, this bill presumes a solution that may actually disenfranchise the majority of Colorado residents, and negatively impact climate work at the PUC. The bill also has a high fiscal note. Instead, we suggest utilizing the sunset review scheduled for next year to look at ways to improve procedural justice at the PUC holistically.	<p>President Katherine Goff testified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bill is next scheduled for House Appropriations • CC4CA continues to work with coalition partners to have the bill P'd
	HB25-1177 - Utility Economic Development Rate Tariff Adjustments	<p>Amend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit availability to Black Hills • Include exit fees for early termination • Require any EDR tariff to include the following elements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EDR must not impact the utility's ability to achieve its GHG emission reduction requirements 2. The utility must acquire carbon-free energy to serve the load 3. Customers must create a minimum 40 permanent jobs per MW of the customer's load. 	Demand for electricity is growing. Currently, utilities are allowed to offer an Economic Development Rate for large load customers. This bill intends to expand that ability without PUC oversight. CC4CA is working under the assumption that there's a decent possibility that HB1177 will pass in some form. We're seeking amendments that improve the existing economic development rate statute. We would like amendments that focus on smaller large loads so EDR would go to manufacturing/industrial businesses, not data centers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leg Com has taken an Amend position • Working with coalition partners such as WRA, NRDC, and Conservation Colorado to help secure amendments • Passed the house with amendments • Introduced in the Senate - referred to Senate Transportation & Energy • Next hearing has not been scheduled
	HB25-1292 - Transmission Lines in State Highway Rights-of-Way	Support	Increasing transmission capacity is critically important to the state and local government's greenhouse gas reduction goals. We need expanded transmission to support the electrification of buildings, transportation, and industrial processes and to connect renewables to the grid. This bill allows the state transmission conversation to move beyond local control vs. areas of statewide concern and to advocate for our shared goals with the state.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leg Com has taken a support position • Passed House Transportation, Housing & Local Government. 1 CC4CA member provided supportive testimony • Passed House Finance with amendments • Referred to House Appropriations
	SB25-127 -Optimizing	Support	Colorado needs expanded transmission to support the electrification of buildings,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leg Com has taken a support position

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Focus Areas	Colorado Electric Transmission System		transportation, and industrial processes and to connect renewables to the grid. CETA's recently released commissioned study identified a minimum of \$4.5 billion in necessary transmission investment in Colorado in the next 10 to 20 years. Ensuring we have an adequate transmission system is critical for CC4CA's climate goals, and this bill is one step toward achieving that goal. Reconducting or rebuilding lines is a cost-effective means to add capacity to existing corridors and to help minimize land impacts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Passed Senate Transportation & Energy Committee with amendments. CC4CA supported an allied local government member with supportive testimony. ● Referred to Committee of the Whole ● Waiting on Second Readings 	
	Legislative Implementation				
	SB24-212 – Local Govs Renewable Energy Projects	Circulated and completed survey to inform study and development of model codes and design of support programs for local government	Accelerated transmission and renewable energy siting have been recognized by the state, climate advocates, and the Biden administration as critical to meeting climate goals. Last year, CC4CA successfully prevented a legislative approach that would have made siting authority a matter of statewide concern and limited local authority. Instead, legislation was introduced to provide local governments with model land use codes and technical assistance in addition to conducting a study on the topic. CC4CA wants local governments' voices included in these processes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CC4CA submitted comments to the State ● CC4CA alerted members to the opportunity to provide feedback 	
	CLEAN MOBILITY				
Transportation Commission - Colorado Department of Transportation					
10 year plan update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Encourage climate, safety and equity considerations are included in CDOT's Policy Directive 14. ● Transit Goals ● VMT reduction goals 	Transportation remains one of the largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions in Colorado. This CDOT policy directive guides the formation and the implementation of CDOT's 10-year plan. It is important to articulate goals that will inform transportation planning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CC4CA is working with Coalition partners to monitor next steps ● Starting in May there will be a series of telephone town halls throughout CDOT regions to discuss the 10 year plan ● CC4CA members testified at the TC in support of our recommended changes to the proposed PD 14 		

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of our recommended amendments were included in the final draft of PD 14.
	Introduced and Potential Legislation			
	HB25-1303 - Funding for Motor Vehicle Collision Prevention	Active Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top Tier Priority Bill 	Recently, Governor Polis released his 2035 Transportation Vision, which calls for a doubling in the share of transportation trips taken by transit, biking, and walking from 10% of total trips to 20% by 2035. The 2035 Vision specifically proposes an 83% increase in transit service, an 81% increase in bicycle infrastructure, and a 3.4% increase in sidewalk mileage statewide. While the Polis administration supports the goal of investing in infrastructure to protect vulnerable road users, they were not supportive of our identified revenue source in HB25-1044 (listed below). The administration identified an alternative revenue source. This bill creates new revenue for investments in vulnerable road user infrastructure and wildlife crossings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LegCom took a position of Active Support CC4CA coordinated with CDOT, proponents, and sponsors to develop bill language. Bill was introduced CC4CA Bill Analysis CC4CA meets weekly with core group of stakeholders Bill passed House Transportation, Local Government, and Housing with amendments. 6 CC4CA members testified in the hearing Bill passed House Finance with amendments. CC4CA staff testified in House Finance. Bill establishes a Crash prevention enterprise Funded by \$3 on car insurance/vehicle 70% funds VRU for local government 30% funds Wildlife crossing

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	HB25-1044 - Local Funding for Vulnerable Road User Protection	Active Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CC4CA developed and ran the bill concept, found sponsors, and supported advocacy at the TLRC 	Transportation is a large source of GHG emissions in Colorado. We will not hit our reduction targets through electrification alone, we need to support a reduction in vehicle miles traveled. To encourage this shift, we need safe alternatives. Simultaneously Colorado has seen a rise in vulnerable road user deaths and collisions with cars.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postponed Indefinitely CC4CA created a factsheet and built coalition support for the bill. CC4CA worked with fiscal analysts and DOR to reduce fiscal notes. CC4CA supported sponsors in postponing the bill indefinitely and instead supported the alternative legislation listed above.
	SB25-051 Regional Transportation District Operating Costs	Support	Transportation is a top source of GHG emissions in Colorado. It is also the sector that Colorado is furthest behind in meeting our emission reduction targets. In order to effectively reduce emissions from this sector, we need robust transit. RTD is the state's largest transit provider, operating in 40 municipalities, 6 counties and 2 city/counties. It has a service population of over 3 million. Questions, concerns, and frustrations around the operations, planning and project execution at RTD have persisted for decades. Last year, there was an attempt to reform the governance of RTD, but it did not pass, although we believe another attempt will be made this session. This bill is one small and collaborative step in providing better clarity as to how RTD is investing their funding. This bill comes from the Legislative Audit Interim Committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LegCom took a position of Support Passed Senate and House. CC4CA Past President Katherine Goff testified in support at the House Transportation, Local Government, and Housing Committee Signed by the Governor Became Law
	SB25-30 - Increase Transportation Mode Choice	Amend	This bill aims to expand transportation mode choice in Colorado by improving access to transit, biking, and walking. This goal aligns with CC4CA's policy statement and with many of our members' local transportation goals. However, as introduced, aspects of the bill may be challenging for the local governments subject to the bill. For example, the bill requires local governments to develop a mode choice implementation plan,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CC4CA has worked with proponents and sponsors to push for amendments that address the concerns of local governments. Passed Senate Transportation & Energy with amendments. 3 CC4CA members testified in an Amend position.

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	Legislative Implementation				
	EV Charging Permitting Model Code (CEO and DOLA)	To provide feedback and input to the state to inform the development of the state EV Charging Model Code and EV Charging Model Code Guidance.	CC4CA worked to amend HB24-1173 last legislative session to prevent a prescriptive mandate for local EV charger permitting that would have included tight timelines for permitting. Instead, local jurisdictions can choose to adopt a EV Charging Model Code or a code of their own. CC4CA sees the value in having an effective model code that incorporates the needs and diverse needs of local governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CC4CA sent an email to all members that will be subject to HB24-1173 on April 7 ● CC4CA staff serves on the CO EV Charger Permitting Advisory Committee ● CC4CA provided feedback on draft code. ● CC4CA shared the opportunity to provide comments on the draft EV Charging Model Code 	
CLEAN BUILDINGS AND INDUSTRY					
Colorado Energy Office					
Energy Code Board Draft Model Low Energy and Carbon Code	In 2022 CC4CA supported HB-1362 which Governor Polis signed into law. This bill established the Energy Code Board charged with developing a low energy and carbon code on or before June 1, 2025, for adoption by Counties, Municipalities, and State Agencies. The low energy and carbon code developed by the energy code board must apply to commercial and residential buildings. Multiple CC4CA member communities serve on the board. CC4CA advocates for codes that promote climate, public safety and health, and equity while being responsive to the unique needs of diverse local governments.	<p>Buildings are among the top five sources of emissions in Colorado. Building energy codes set minimum standards for new construction and major renovations to ensure buildings support our clean energy future. Low carbon codes also set standards to improve buildings' energy efficiency.</p> <p>In addition to improving efficiency, building energy codes contribute to building safety, durability, sustainability, comfort, and affordability for households and businesses. They regulate a variety of safety measures, including moisture management, indoor air quality, fire protection, and weather protection. They also reduce operating and utility costs for building owners.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CC4CA has monitored Energy Code Meetings ● CC4CA has coordinated with energy code expert partners on potential suggestions for the energy code board ● CC4CA has provided members updates on meetings ● The Board has released their draft #2 Colorado Model Low Energy and Carbon Code for public comment ● CC4CA members encouraged to provide public comment ● Next meeting is on May 13, 2025 @ 11:00 am -2:00 pm 		

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	Introduced and Potential Legislation			
	HB25-1161 - Labeling Gas-Fueled Stoves	Support	<p>This bill intends to increase public awareness about the health implications of gas stoves. Pollution reduction in Colorado is partially dependent on consumer choice, but many consumers do not have all the relevant information about the impacts of their choices. The proponents of this bill believe that by informing consumers, we can change consumer choices to reduce indoor air pollution while simultaneously supporting electrification and building decarbonization goals. This bill is modeled after warnings on other consumer products that have been proven to be successful.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leg Com has taken a Support position ● Passed House ● Passed Senate with amendments ● Two CC4CA members testified in support during Senate Transportation & Energy Hearing ● House to consider Senate amendments
HB25-1268 - Utility On-Bill Repayment Program Financing	<p>Active Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Top Tier Priority Bill 	<p>Building weatherization and adopting electric technologies like heat pumps are critical to supporting healthy homes and meeting Colorado's GHG emission reduction targets. However, they often come with thousands of dollars of up-front costs, even after incentives and tax credits, making them inaccessible to folks who cannot cut a check on day one (e.g., low-to-middle income residents and small businesses). To promote building decarbonization equitably, we must ensure that all residents can take advantage of critical home upgrade opportunities. On-Bill Repayment, OBR, is a tool that allows homeowners to make building efficiency and equipment upgrades at low-to-no upfront cost. Like paying overtime for a phone on a cell phone plan, OBR lets utility customers pay for home upgrades through their utility bill. In many cases, the financed upgrades can save customers more than the monthly payment addition. Unlike traditional loans, OBR ties financing to the property's utility bill and not to any individual's credit. OBR enables large-scale adoption of critical building upgrades by removing financial barriers like up-front costs, supporting the state's commitment to improved public health.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LegCom took a position of Active Support ● This bill has become a Polis Administration priority ● CC4CA has been actively following developments ● This bill has been subject to many amendments to address concerns of various stakeholders ● Fundamentals of the bill remain intact ● Passed House Energy and Environment with amendments. CC4CA supported 4 members in testifying ● Passed House Finance with amendments. 2 CC4CA members testified 	

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Focus Areas	HB25-1269 - Building Decarbonization Measures	Support	<p>Colorado is leading the nation in addressing emissions from buildings, we are one of only 4 states to have Building Performance Standards. CC4CA supported HB21-1286, which passed and was adopted in 2021. As required by that legislation, Colorado has implemented the building benchmarking requirements and the building performance standards (BPS) for 8,300 covered commercial buildings. CC4CA was a formal party to the BPS rulemaking as part of the Local Government Coalition. BPS, also known as Regulation 28, was adopted by the AQCC in 2023, later than anticipated due to the rule's complexity. Compressing the timeline for compliance. This bill eliminates the 2026 requirement, adds a 2040 target and requires rulemaking. And increases the fee for building owners, \$400 of which will go into an enterprise to provide support and technical assistance to building owners. It changes the fine structure to align with other state programs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LegCom took a position of Support ● Participated with Energy Office Stakeholding ● Passed House Energy & Environment Committee with amendments. CC4CA member Jean Lim – Broomfield, testified in support on behalf of CC4CA ● Passed House Finance with amendments. 2 CC4CA members testified in support. ● Amendments clarify that local government buildings are still exempt from fees and fines. ● Referred to House Appropriations
	SB25-141 - Municipal Government Exemption from Energy Code Requirements	Oppose	<p>The state energy code is not intended to be a “stretch” standard; it is, by definition, the minimum that building officials have determined is needed for health and safety. Small-town residents have just as much right to durable and energy-efficient houses that are built to withstand extreme weather, that are comfortable, and that are affordable not just to purchase but to live in. Energy costs are higher on average in Colorado rural areas. Once local governments get behind on code adoption, it is much harder to catch up. The differences between each code edition are minor, but they add up the longer you wait. If these local governments don't come up to speed now, they may never get there.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LegCom took an Oppose position ● Passed Senate thirds with no amendments ● Postponed Indefinitely in House Transportation, Housing, & Local Government. CC4CA had two members testify in opposition
	Legislative Implementation			
Gas Planning Pilot Community -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Advocate for an effective program design that supports 	<p>The new law under 1370 enables up to five local governments to partner with Xcel to identify neighborhood-scale decarbonization projects. Not</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provided feedback to CEO on draft RFI 	

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	HB24-1370 Implementation	<p>the goals and is workable for local governments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Raise awareness of the program ● Provide support to local governments interested in the program 	<p>only does this align with local climate goals and support healthy buildings for residents, but it also allows the utility to avoid those natural gas infrastructure maintenance costs and instead invest in alternative energy sources. We believe this program can help to prove out a win-win approach to neighborhood building decarbonization that can be scaled up and replicated.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Promoted final RFI to membership ● Created an educational series to help local governments determine if they are a candidate for the program and to help them with their application ● Connected members to technical experts to support their applications ● Multiple CC4CA member communities applied ● CEO will announce results of RFI by April 30th 	
	DECARBONIZING THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY				
	Air Quality Control Commission				
	Reg. 7 Rulemaking - Methane <i>(Complete)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Formal Party as a member of the Local Government Coalition ● Provided pre-hearing statements, rebuttal, and testified in rulemaking 	<p>This rulemaking reduced emissions of methane, an extremely potent greenhouse gas (GHG), from existing oil and natural gas wells in Colorado. The rulemaking will bring Colorado into compliance with new EPA rules that require all states to update these methane emissions standards. The rule will also create stringent requirements for monitoring hazardous air pollutants and other emissions from oil and gas facilities, especially those near schools, hospitals, and other occupied buildings.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AQCC adopted stringent rules to eliminate methane emissions from pneumatic controllers & pumps used by the oil and gas industry, with very few exceptions. ● CC4CA advocacy resulted in an expansion of the regulation's definition of DI communities to include mobile home parks; ● Better air quality monitoring of pre-production, including requiring monitoring of highly toxic volatile organic compounds (BTEX); ● A shorter timeline (14 instead of 30 days) to replace malfunctioning air quality monitors. ● Four LEOs made public comments at the AQCC. 	

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OTHER CARBON REDUCTION STRATEGIES				
Introduced and Potential Legislation				
	HB25-1165 - Geologic Storage Enterprise & Geothermal Resources	Support	<p>CC4CA has engaged with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and specifically the Energy Carbon Management Commission (ECMC) regarding emerging technologies for the last several years. CC4CA engaged during the legislative sessions, participated in state studies such the Carbon Management Roadmap and at two ECMC rulemakings on Deep Geothermal Operations and Class VI Injection Wells and Carbon Management. CC4CA has been, by and large, successful in advocating for effective guardrails on these two emerging technologies.</p> <p>The Colorado Carbon Management Roadmap, ECMC's Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) study, and Colorado's Carbon Capture Sequestration and Utilization (CCUS) Task Force all called for the State to create a process for long-term stewardship of CO2 storage sites. CC4CA agrees with this directive. DNR proposes establishing an enterprise to address the long-term stewardship of CCUS sites after they have been successfully closed. This approach is intended to protect Colorado communities from future impacts from the long-term stewardship of closed storage facilities. Charging operators for these end-of-life expenses relieves state taxpayers of the burden of managing these sites and provides certainty to operators. A fee on geologic storage operators will fund the enterprise to provide the necessary resources to address any potential state liability.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CC4CA worked prior to the introduction with proponents and sponsors to push for language that enhanced guardrails. ● CC4CA worked post-introduction for amendments that would protect state taxpayers and hold operators to some liability. ● Passed House with amendments ● LegCom took a position of Support ● Passed House Transportation & Energy with Amendments. Two CC4CA members provided supportive testimony ● Referred to Senate Committee of the Whole ● Waiting on Second Reading
	HB25-1277 - Increasing Transparency Impact of Fuel Products	Support	This bill intends to increase public awareness about the consequences of burning petroleum products. Pollution reduction in Colorado is partially dependent on consumer choice, but many consumers do not have accurate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attended stakeholder meetings with proponents ● Suggested amendments to improve bill

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			<p>information about the impacts of their choices. Cigarette warning labels, along with other public health measures instituted by the US government against cigarettes, dramatically reduced the prevalence of smoking. In California, companies have reduced the use of toxic chemicals due to Prop 65 warnings. Giving consumers information about the impact of burning fossil fuels directly at the point of purchase can encourage them to reduce their consumption and use alternatives when appropriate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported member written comments
	HB25-1042 - Air Quality Control Workforce Impact	<p>Amend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeking strike below amendments Create a temporary task force composed of relevant stakeholders who represent a broad section of workforce interests to provide recommendations on how to consider the workforce in regulations appropriately. Workforce impacts should be holistic - losses, gains, types of jobs and pay, and health and safety of workers. These considerations should be included and weighted in rulemaking in a balanced way. 	<p>CC4CA member governments support workers and healthy workplaces. Over the last year, CC4CA has been heavily engaged in conversations and deepening our understanding of workforce issues as they relate to climate action, as we view workers and laborers as important partners critical to our climate success.</p> <p>However, as introduced, this bill had the potential to upend many of the climate, equity, environmental justice, and public health regulatory wins that we have worked for over the last half-decade while making future reforms more challenging. Certain provisions of the bill focus solely on minimizing job losses rather than considering a rule's net workforce costs and benefits.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Amend position with the Secretary of State Amendments were made that addressed most of our concerns
Solid Waste	Introduced and Potential Legislation			
	HB25-1051 – Retail Bag Fee Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oppose 	<p>CC4CA was a major proponent of HB21-1162 (the Plastic Pollution Reduction Act) during the 2021 legislative session. That bill established the required fee for single-use bags, while incorporating numerous provisions to support local governments and mitigate any potential negative impacts to lower-income consumers. This bill would repeal the requirement that retail establishments charge a fee for providing recycled paper carryout bags</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CC4CA provided opposition testimony in the committee hearing Bill Postponed Indefinitely

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Community Transition	Public Utilities Commission			
	Xcel Just Transition ERP	<i>See above in Carbon- Free Electricity (Utilities)</i>		
	Introduced and Potential Legislation			
	SB25-037 - Coal Transition Grants	Support	The rapid transition off fossil fuels is necessary to meet our climate goals. For that transition to be successful, CC4CA recognizes the need to promote a just transition, where communities and workers are not left behind. In 2019, CC4CA supported HB-1314 , which established the Colorado Office of Just Transition, whose purpose is to assist workers and communities that will be adversely affected by the loss of jobs and revenues due to the closure of coal mines and coal-fired power plants. Its purpose is to help workers transition to new, high-quality jobs, to help communities continue to thrive by expanding and attracting diverse businesses, and to replace lost revenues. Local governments and special districts, including school districts, can lose significant revenues due to closures from the lost property and other taxes. This bipartisan bill improves the Office's ability to effectively use dedicated funding to support the needs of impacted communities by removing limitations on the funds and requiring enhanced coordination. It prohibits requiring communities to provide matching funds to qualify for funding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LegCom took a position of Support ● CC4CA members are registered to provide testimony at the committee hearing this week
Climate Resilience	Public Utilities Commission			
	Xcel Wildfire Mitigation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Non-Intervener ● General Advocacy ● CC4CAs Main Areas of Focus: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communication and transparency around PSPS 2. Ratepayer equity - Who is paying for this? Typically, these plans are funded through a tariff paid by ratepayers. Should ratepayers 	Xcel Energy filed a significant update to its Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) for PUC approval. The updated WMP addresses Xcel Energy's full suite of mitigation activities and investments, including targeted equipment inspections, repairs, and replacements; expanded vegetation management; system protection enhancements; weather and wind modeling; and community and stakeholder outreach. The updated plan covers proposed spending for the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CC4CA members have provided public comment at the February 6 and March 13 Public Comment Sessions ● Last round of public comment on April 29

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		<p>be required to shoulder the entire burden while Xcel is making profits for shareholders?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Prioritization and the cost-effectiveness of approved investments and measures must be carefully determined. 4. Ensuring strategic investments and regional equity. 	<p>2025-2027 period, totaling approximately \$1.9 billion.</p> <p>Why This is Important: The threat of wildfire has grown dramatically nationally and in Colorado. Colorado's wildfire season has grown in length and severity, sometimes posing a year-round threat to communities throughout Colorado. Climate change continues to impact vegetation composition and health across the landscape. Many ecosystems are no longer fire resilient. The changing conditions increase the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events and lead to an expansion of high-risk wildfire risk areas. Wildfires present a grave risk to Colorado's residents, property, and natural environment, whether in the mountains, prairie, or suburban areas. Wildfires can cause devastating property destruction and loss of life. With increased frequency, electric utilities have been the identified cause of wildfires. Between 2016 and 2020, electrical power networks caused 19% of the wildfires that occurred in those five years. With the growing risk of wildfires amid climate change, there is heightened concern about electrical power conductors igniting wildfires.</p>	
Introduced and Potential Legislation				
	SB25-015 - Wildfire Information & Resource Center Website	Support	This is a very simple bill that increases ease of access to information for residents regarding wildfires and related resources. No parties are in opposition, and the required coordination will have minimal impacts on counties.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Registered support position with Secretary of State ● CC4CA President Lance Waring testified at House Agriculture, Water, & Natural Resources ● Passed House 3rds no amendments ● Passed Senate 3rds no amendments ● Waiting on Governor's signature

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	HB25-1078 - Forestry & Firefighter Workforce & Education	Support	<p>In January, CC4CA Leg Com assigned Hazard Mitigation and Resilience as a Tier 2 - High Priority for the session. We have also heard an increasing concern from members that the lack of a skilled workforce is a limiting factor in meeting local and state climate and resilience goals. By addressing wildfire resilience and mitigation through supportive education and workforce programs and grants, this bill offers an important supportive solution to forest health and resilience.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Support position with Secretary of State Will testify at next committee hearing
	HB25-1182 - Risk Model Use in Property Insurance Policies	Support	<p>Colorado's wildfires have more than doubled in the past 20 years. The size and scale of fires have also increased. Colorado's 20 largest wildfires all occurred after 2001. Wildfires historically occurred in the summer in Colorado; now we experience fires year-round. Nationally, insurance markets in high-risk regions have faced significant stress, including large increases in premium costs and insurance company exits. This is creating an insurance affordability issue for home and business owners, and this trend is particularly true in Colorado. The cost of property insurance in Colorado has become one of the fastest-growing household expenses, with premiums <u>increasing an average of 57.9%</u> from 2018 to 2023. Even with these rate increases, Colorado insurers have lost money in 8 of the last 11 years. This bill is an effort to tackle rising homeowners insurance costs and nonrenewals in wildfire-prone parts of Colorado. By analysing data on climate and wildfire risks and sharing that risk with their customers, insurers encourage preventive actions through risk-based pricing and premium discounts for mitigation efforts that effectively reduce disaster impacts. This bill is a market-based approach to address and encourage wildfire mitigation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LegCom took a position of Support Passed House thirds with amendments Passed Senate Business, Labor, & Technology with amendments. CC4CA Legislative Vice Chair Jean Lim provided supportive testimony. Passed Senate thirds with amendments House is considering Senate's amendments

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	SB25-142 Changes to Wildfire Resiliency Code Board	Oppose	<p>CC4CA supported the formation of the Wildfire Resiliency Code Board, which was charged with developing a model code and standards in 2023 (via SB23-166), and several CC4CA jurisdictions have representatives that serve on the Board. The Board is currently seeking feedback on the draft code and map, with formal hearings being held throughout May. On its whole, this bill threatens to undermine the progress of the Board by changing its composition, changing its role, eliminating the map that is developed at the state level, and removing representation from key stakeholders such as affordable housing providers and hazard mitigation professionals. LegCom discussed that there are likely going to be either a late bill or amendments to this bill to only extend the timeline, and if that is the case, then CC4CA will change its position to support.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LegCom took a position of Oppose, and if the bill only extended the code timeline, then staff is authorized to change CC4CA's position to support. ● The bill will be heard in Committee on April 15, and staff is currently reviewing proposed amendments to the bill. ●
Capacity Building	Federal Funding Concierge			
	Federal Funding Newsletter	CC4CA sends a monthly newsletter providing updates on federal and state funding opportunities for local government	Our member local governments have ambitious climate goals and plans. Often, resource capacity is a limiting factor. Connecting members to resources can help accelerate local climate work. CC4CA has been awarded temporary grant funding to engage in connecting our members to resources and providing them guidance and support as they access relevant programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sent monthly to members who have indicated an interest in receiving the newsletter ● If you would like to receive this newsletter, contact aseitz@cc4ca.org
CEO CPRG Local Climate Accelerator	CC4CA coordinated a virtual stakeholder meeting with CEO on their awarded Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, Local Climate Action Accelerator Program	In July 2024, the Colorado Energy Office (CEO) was awarded an implementation grant from the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). \$60M of the awarded funds are for the Local Climate Action Accelerator program which will support local government climate policy adoption in the sectors where local governments can make a significant impact on emissions. All Colorado local governments and collaborations between local governments are eligible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 23 CC4CA members attended 	

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	Federal Funding Defense	Meeting with Congressman Evans' Chief of Staff and CC4CA members in CD 8	To introduce the freshman Congressman to our coalition and to communicate the significant economic and workforce benefits that climate action can bring to our communities. Investing in renewable energy, energy efficiency, sustainable practices, and emerging clean technologies can create high-quality jobs and stimulate local economies, including in CD 8, which has benefited from federal investment in climate-friendly technologies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 12 CC4CA members participated ● 3 CC4CA staff members participated ● We highlighted valuable federal funding programs ● The Congressman's office has already followed up with CC4CA
	Federal Funding Defense	CC4CA drafted and circulated local elected official sign on letter to CO Congressional Delegation	The delivery and continuity of federal funding for infrastructure such as public transportation, road and bridge repairs, transportation safety and electrification upgrades, broadband, clean water, regional airports, and community resilience projects remain priorities for community leaders. For example, Colorado communities have been awarded at least \$853 million in federal funding for community resilience and natural disaster mitigation projects. This includes necessary funding to prepare communities to respond to droughts, floods, and wildfires that are growing more frequent and severe in our state. Towns, counties, and cities are relying on these federal resources to keep Coloradans safe in their everyday lives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 91 local elected officials have signed to date ● CC4CA president Lance Warring delivered the letters to each member of the Colorado Federal Delegation on Friday, March 7th. ● On Monday March 10th Congressman Hurd, and Congressman Evans joined 19 other Republican representatives in support of federal clean energy tax credits.
	Member Presentations			
Member Engagement	CC4CA provided an update on CC4CA and our Work to the Nederand Board of Trustees	CC4CA finds value in providing our members with an update on our work. This is particularly valuable when there are newly elected members or new key staff.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CC4CA provided a presentation on our organization and our accomplishments over the last year ● If you are interested in scheduling a presentation in your community, please contact aseitz@cc4ca.org 	

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Virtual Briefings				
	CC4CA Policy Committee Workforce Series Workforce and Building Decarbonization	CC4CA hosted Clay McCombe, DRCOG's Building Decarbonization Project Manager, formerly of the City and County of Denver. Clay provided a case study on how Denver's Green Workforce Initiatives and provided an overview on how DRCOG made workforce a central component of their Building Decarbonization CPRG grant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In 2024 CC4CA Policy Committee directed staff to do a deep dive on the nexus between workforce and climate action ● The State's Greenhouse Gas Roadmap 2.0 mentions workforce 18 times (transit, building electrification, etc.) and includes a near-term strategy to develop a Workforce Development Plan. providing potential partnership and resourcing opportunities. ● Climate action - both mitigation and resilience - offers a significant opportunity to enhance and grow partnerships and allies in labor while also advancing job opportunities, fair wages, equal pay, job security, and more. ● State and local governments cannot achieve our climate goals without the workforce to implement them. The renewable energy, electrification, and similar fields need a trained workforce. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Webinar provided tangible examples of how and why to engage in workforce ● 22 local governments attended ● Webinar recording was shared with 65 local officials (Passcode: @1*g#)Qg)

Acronyms:

Agencies: PUC - Public Utilities Commission; CDOT - Colorado Department of Transportation; CEO - Colorado Energy Office; ECMC - Energy and Carbon Management Commission, AQCC - Air Quality Control Commission; JBC - Joint Budget Committee

Other terms: ERP - Energy Resource Plan, GHG - Greenhouse Gas; TEP - Transportation Electrification Plan; DIC - Disproportionately Impacted Community; CPRG - Climate Pollution Reduction Grants; PCAP - Priority Climate Action Plan; DRCOG - Denver Regional Council of Governments