



CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM

Department	Presented by	Date
Administration	Drew Nelson - City Administrator	July 20, 2021

ITEM

Resolution 2021-26 – A Resolution by the City Council of the City of Salida, Colorado, Adopting the 2021/2022 Policy Statement for the Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA)

BACKGROUND

The City of Salida is a member of the Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA), an organization dedicated to pursuing climate initiatives at the state legislative and policy level. The CC4CA Board of Directors annually adopts a Policy Statement that guides the action of staff and the organization. Attached is a memo from the Policy Committee to the CC4CA Board of Directors that provides background information on the changes proposed to the Statement.

FISCAL NOTE

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the 2021/2022 Policy Statement for the Colorado Communities for Climate Action.

SUGGESTED MOTION

A City Councilperson should state, "I move to approve Resolution 2021-26", followed by a second and a roll call vote.

CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 26
(Series of 2021)

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO,
ADOPTING THE 2021/2022 POLICY STATEMENT OF THE COLORADO
COMMUNITIES FOR CLIMATE ACTION**

WHEREAS, the Salida City Council has identified sustainability and climate change as a priority for the City, including the potential adoption of a Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Salida City Council recognizes the significant climate impacts to our community and many others that are already taking place, and the likelihood that these impacts will continue to intensify in the coming years, including additional infrastructure costs, health impacts to community members, economic impacts to businesses, water supply and water quality challenges, and others;

WHEREAS, the Salida 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 Salida City Council, via Resolution 2019-65, became a member of the Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA); and

WHEREAS, Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) was established to further the adoption of federal and state policies that will: a) strengthen statewide and federal policies impacting greenhouse gas emissions in Colorado; and b) provide local governments in Colorado with the tools, funding, flexibility, and authority necessary to adopt effective climate protection strategies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salida 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 SALIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The aforementioned recitals are hereby fully incorporated herein.
2. That the City of Salida hereby adopts the Colorado Communities for Climate Action 2021-2022 Policy Statement.

RESOLVED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of July, 2021.

CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO

By _____
P.T. Wood, Mayor

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

Erin Kelley, City Clerk



To: CC4CA Board of Directors

From: Jacob Smith, Executive Director

Date: June 16, 2021

Re: Ratification of Updates to the CC4CA Policy Statement

Ratification of the Policy Statement updates by each CC4CA member government:

- ***Target: July 31***
- ***Deadline: August 30***

The Policy Statement is primarily a collection of our coalition's formal policy positions, support for which is required of every member government in order to join the coalition, and the annual updates reflected in the most recent version have required the affirmative assent of every CC4CA member government. While it is possible to revise the Policy Statement during the year, process-wise it is quite difficult to do, so as a practical matter the annual update process is the vehicle through which revisions occur.

After an extensive four-month process of exploring, discussion, and vetting, the CC4CA Board at its June 4 retreat adopted a set of updates to CC4CA's Policy Statement.

The Policy Committee formally kicked off the process in February, leading to adoption by the Board on June 4. A complete list of the steps and timeline is attached to this memo.

The majority of the updates are minor changes in wording or grammar. Some are substantive but are minor in nature. And two of the updates are new additions, although both were at least implied in the previous version of the Policy Statement. A complete list of these updates is attached to this memo.

Each member government is asked to confirm by email that they support the updates adopted by the Board. CC4CA refers to this as "ratifying" the adopted updates. Each member government can ratify the updates using whatever method they wish. For instance, some jurisdictions handle this at the staff level or simply by delegating this to their CC4CA Board representative, while others do this through a formal motion or resolution. Ratification is complete for each member government when a representative of the government sends an email to CC4CA confirming that they have ratified the proposed changes.

Please bear in mind that the question posed here is: "Can you live with these updates?" (as opposed to something like "Do you love them?" or "Would you prefer them to be different in some way?").

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Because of the extent of the member outreach and thoroughness of the vetting during this process, the hope is that every member government can easily ratify the updates. However, if any member government is unable to ratify all of the proposed updates, we ask that you still ratify all of the other updates to the Policy Statement and identify the specific updates about which you have concerns or objections. By doing this, we can ensure that all of the unflagged updates still take effect even if there is a problem with a particular update. If you encounter this situation, please reach out to me and we can craft appropriate language specifically for your elected body.

I am including a few resources with this memo that you are welcome to share with your elected officials and staff:

- A clean version of the updated Policy Statement.
- A tracked-changes version, showing all of the new updates.
- Two sample resolutions you are welcome to use or adapt in if your jurisdiction prefers your elected body to formally accept the updates each year.

Finally, if it is helpful, you are welcome to use this memo verbatim or to adapt it for use as a staff or Council memo in your ratification process.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or problems, or if I can be helpful in any way at all.

Policy Statement Update Timeline 2021

1. *February 11 (Policy Committee meeting):* The Policy Committee established and launched the process.
2. *March 4:* Staff provided the Policy Committee with a first draft of proposed updates.
3. *March 11 (Policy Committee meeting):* The Policy Committee reviewed the first draft, identified proposed updates and other potential updates worth exploring, and assigned small working groups to tackle each section that needed more work.
4. *April 8 (Policy Committee meeting):* The Policy Committee adopted draft proposed updates and circulated them to the full Board of Directors to identify and work through any tricky issues or language.
5. *May 13 (Policy Committee meeting):* The Policy Committee adopted final proposed updates and formally delivered them to the Board of Directors.
6. *June 4 (Board of Directors retreat):* The Board discussed the proposed updates, made minor adjustments, and adopted them.
7. **July 31: Target date for each member government ratifying the Policy Statement updates.**
8. **August 30: Deadline for each member government ratifying the Policy Statement updates.**

Itemized List of the Proposed Policy Statement Updates

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 GHG 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 West Slope and Front Range).

Minor/Clarifying Proposed Updates

- c) Change the language on the fifth General Policy Principle from:

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.

... to the language recommended by CC4CA's Equity Working Group:

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.

NOTE: This language was crafted by CC4CA's ad-hoc Equity Working Group between March and May in a careful, collaborative process.

- d) Add "actionable, useful" and "alignment between state and local inventory data" to Policy Position #2, change "frequent" to "regular," and delete "designed to be useful to stakeholders," so that it reads:

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.

- e) Consolidate what was Policy Position #8 into the subsequent position statement (currently identified as #8).

- f) Change "protect" to "support" and add "communities," so that the sentence in #9 reads: "... through means that support utilities, consumers, and the communities where these facilities have been located."

- g) Add "municipal electric utilities" to Policy Position #10 so that it reads:

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.

h) Expand "coal" to "fossil fuel" in positions #13 and #14 pertaining to supporting transition communities.

i) Add "legislative" to the list of venues in Policy Position #16 and replace "vehicles" with "mobile sources" to capture the full range of vehicle types as well as other mobile sources like lawn mowers, and so that it reads:

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

j) Change the heading of the section on solid waste (immediately before Policy Position #21) from "Solid Waste Reduction" to "Waste," since the language in this section now covers reducing solid waste, liquid waste, and the carbon intensity of waste.

k) Add "or eliminate" to Policy Position #22 so that it reads:

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

l) Reword Policy Position #23 to make it clearer and to add carbon intensiveness and circular economy, so that it reads:

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

m) Clarify that Policy Position #27 is aimed at both natural carbon sequestration (known as "Natural Climate Solutions") and carbon capture technologies, and shorten the item, so that it reads:

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

n) Incorporate what was Policy Position #28 into the fifth General Policy Principle (see letter (c) above).

o) Add "and ensure that these laws are fully implemented" to Policy Position #31 so that it reads:

31. 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.

Minor Wording and Copy Editing Updates

p) Minor copy edits (e.g., updating dates and tense alignment).

q) Eliminate the article "the" in some sentences, when unnecessary, for grammatical consistency.

r) Replace "carbon pollution" with "greenhouse gas pollution."

s) Replace "carbon emissions" with "greenhouse gas emissions."

Please note that the Board authorized staff to correct typos and non-material errors without further approval by the Board.



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.

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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.