



CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM

DEPARTMENT	PRESENTED BY	DATE
Administration	Drew Nelson - City Administrator	May 16, 2023

ITEM

Resolution 2023-26 – A Resolution by the City Council of the City of Salida, Colorado, Adopting the 2023/2024 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 and 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.

The City's Sustainability Committee reviewed the Policy Statement on May 10, 2023, and recommended approval to the City Council.

FISCAL NOTE

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the 2023/2024 Policy Statement for the Colorado Communities for Climate Action, as recommended by the Policy Committee as well as the City's Sustainability Committee.

SUGGESTED MOTION

A City Councilperson should state, "I move to approve Resolution 2023-26", followed by a second and a roll call vote.

CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 26
(Series of 2023)

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO,
ADOPTING THE 2023/2024 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 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 2023-2024 Policy Statement.

RESOLVED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of May, 2023.

CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO

By _____
Dan Shore, Mayor

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

Erin Kelley, City Clerk



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

PROPOSED POLICY STATEMENT UPDATES (REDLINE EDITS ACCEPTED)
FORMALLY PROPOSED BY THE POLICY COMMITTEE 3/9/23
(and updated with new language for #18 on 4/13/23)

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, fiscal tools 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.
- Centering equity in decision-making by prioritizing policies that address systemic environmental and governance inequities based on race and socioeconomic status and that justly transition and grow the clean energy economy.

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Policy Positions

Colorado Communities for Climate Action supports policies that:

Statewide Climate Strategies

- 1. Reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions consistent with or greater than the State of Colorado's adopted, 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. Treat the environmental and health costs associated with the use of fossil fuels as an important priority 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 well-designed public processes 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 building related GHG emissions, and improving quality of life.**

Energy Generation, Transmission, and Distribution

- 9. Modernize energy infrastructure to strengthen grid reliability, enhance resilience (community-based and otherwise), improve transmission, and more fully integrate renewable energy, distributed generation, and energy storage resources.**
- 10. Retire or discontinue the use of fossil fuel power plants while ensuring grid reliability.**
- 11. Discourage construction of new fossil fuel power plants.**
- 12. 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.**

Energy Efficiency

- 13. Expand demand side savings from efficiency and conservation for all energy types.**
- 14. Support ongoing and sustainable funding for weatherization and renewable energy assistance to low-income households.**
- 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, GHG-related regulations, state and regional transportation-related plans, and other regulatory and programmatic activities designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from mobile sources.**
- 17. Increase funding and policy incentives for multimodal transportation and mobility options, based on efficient use of resources.**

Land Use

- 18. Encourage adoption and implementation of statewide policies that enable local governments to enact land use, zoning, and planning policies that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve resilience.**
- 19. Encourage adoption and implementation of practices in the agriculture and forest sectors that durably reduce greenhouse gases, increase resilience, improve water**

conservation, support ecosystem health, and promote a sustainable, low-carbon agriculture and forestry economy in Colorado.

Resilience

20. Proactively improve the resilience and adaptability of Colorado communities in the face of natural disasters and other 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.

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

Fuel Sources

22. Eliminate emissions from and achieve comprehensive, high accuracy monitoring of fossil fuel extractive industry activities.

23. Secure appropriate guardrails on the development/use of alternative energy technologies, such as hydrogen and biomass, based on their life cycle greenhouse gas emissions impacts, environmental and social impacts, and cost.

Waste

24. Ensure that CDPHE has adequate authority to implement plans and policies for meeting Colorado's statewide and regional solid waste diversion goals.

25. Secure high levels of circular economy activities like reuse, recycling, composting, and reducing the carbon intensiveness of materials and products, including reducing and eliminating use of disposable/single-use products and construction and demolition waste.

26. Achieve significant greenhouse gas emissions reductions from solid waste, water treatment, and wastewater processing.

General

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

28. Support exploration and deployment, when appropriate, of well-regulated technologies and practices that retain currently sequestered carbon, capture

greenhouse gasses before they are emitted, remove greenhouse gasses from the atmosphere, and use or sequester this carbon.

29. Encourage investments that achieve climate-positive solutions, including policies that encourage entities investing public dollars to consider partial or full divestment in fossil fuel extraction and use 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 and can be improved through stakeholder input when appropriate.



To: CC4CA Board of Directors
From: Jacob Smith, Executive Director
Date: April 17, 2023
Re: Final Proposed Policy Statement Updates

Attachment #1: CC4CA Policy Statement Updates Process Graphic
Attachment #2: Proposed Updates to Policy Statement - Updated
Attachment #3: Substitute Language for the Policy Position #18 Placeholder
Attachment #4: Proposed Policy Statement Updates 2023 – With Redlines 2023-04-13
Attachment #5: Proposed Policy Statement Updates 2023 – Redlines Adopted 2023-04-13
Attachment #6: Sample memo for bringing the proposed updates to your Council/Board
Attachment #7: Sample resolution for jurisdictions that require formal action

CC4CA's Policy Statement, which is fundamentally a collection of all of CC4CA's formal policy positions, defines and guides our advocacy work over the course of the year.

CC4CA goes through a formal process of updating the Policy Statement every other year. Because the last time we updated it was June 2021, the Board is slated to decide on a new round of proposed updates at this year's annual retreat (June 8-9, 2023)

Please note that this memo incorporates all of the information from and replaces the March 30 “**Proposed Updates to the 2023 Policy Statement**” memo. It also incorporates one additional proposed Policy Position adopted by the Policy Committee last week.

Requested Action

Because the Board needs to complete the Policy Statement process at the June retreat, and because adopting any changes requires unanimous consent of the Board, it is extremely important that every Board member engage in whatever process you need so that you are able to discuss, deliberate, and decide on final language.

- 1) **Please engage in whatever process is appropriate for you and your jurisdiction so that your jurisdiction's Board member/alternates are able to make decisions at the June retreat.**
- 2) **Identify any concerns you or your jurisdiction might have. Please do this by May 1 if possible, and May 15 at the latest.**
- 3) **If your jurisdiction does raise any concerns, please be very specific about what they are: a) which specific proposed language is of concern? b) what exactly is the concern? and c) would you rate the concern as minor (e.g., grammatical edits), moderate (may require discussion but probably doesn't require major changes to the proposed updates), or serious?**

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- 4) If your jurisdiction's elected body is taking formal action on the proposed updates, and the Council/Board has any objections, **it is extremely important that the adopted motion specifically identify each particular proposed change to which there is an objection.** The Board must be able to drop each specific change to which one or more members object.

The Process and Next Steps

The Policy Committee in January formally kicked off the 2023 process for updating CC4CA's Policy Statement.

Staff thoroughly reviewed the current Policy Statement and identified potential updates. The Policy Committee issued a formal solicitation for proposed updates and discussed some potential updates at its January and February 2023 meetings. The Board reviewed the proposed updates at its February 2023 meeting. Finally, after several rounds of discussion and edits, the Policy Committee adopted this final set of proposed updates. That includes the March 9, 2023 adoption of everything but the placeholder for Policy Position #18, and the April 13, 2023 adoption of language to replace the Policy Position #18 placeholder.

The Board will make a final decision on proposed Policy Statement updates at the June retreat. There is no additional "ratification" step by individual members, which is probably the most significant process change from previous update cycles. **The final decision occurs at the Board retreat.**

We strongly encourage Board and Policy Committee representatives to take the following steps or something similar:

- 1) Promptly review the proposed updates.
- 2) Raise any questions/clarifications with CC4CA staff. Most questions and clarifications typically can be resolved without needing to make any changes to the proposed updates.
- 3) Identify any serious concerns with any of the proposed updates and raise them with CC4CA staff. It is crucial that we know what these are as early as possible so we have enough time to resolve them.
- 4) Follow whatever process you/your jurisdiction wishes to follow for getting buy-in on the proposed Policy Statement updates.
 - CC4CA does not require any specific sort of internal approval process by individual members.
 - Some jurisdictions require or prefer that the elected body review and formally approve the proposed updates. Some leave it to the Board representative. Some handle this at the staff level. All that CC4CA requires is for each member's Board representative(s) to be empowered to represent the jurisdiction for this final decision at the June retreat.
 - To that end, we strongly encourage that your internal approval process, whatever it may be, have some flexibility so that your Board representative(s) has a bit of latitude to work through any final issues at the retreat.
 - on final language tweaks that may be discussed at the retreat. Here are two options for language to include in your elected body's resolution:
 - o "Our jurisdiction's official representative(s) to the CC4CA Board of Directors is authorized to approve the proposed Policy Statement updates and to approve minor changes to this approved language so long as they are substantially similar to the proposed version."

- “The Board/Council supports the proposed changes to the CC4CA Policy Statement, including minor, substantially similar tweaks that the CC4CA Board may wish to make.”
- 5) Be prepared to work through the final discussion and decision at the retreat. The major discussion will occur on the first day of the retreat. If that discussion leads to any proposed tweaks to the official proposed updates, Board members will have until the meeting resumes the next day to secure any final additional approvals they may need.

A few critical points to bear in mind:

- Every one of CC4CA’s 42 members has veto power over every proposed Policy Statement update. This means it is critical to identify any concerns well in advance of the retreat so we all have time to work through them well in advance of the retreat.
- The process of crafting the proposed updates is extensive and thorough, so the Policy Committee’s formal proposal has already gone through substantial vetting and baking by the time the full Board is considering it.
- Ultimately, the question for your Board representative will be “can you live with this proposed change?” as opposed to “Do you prefer this wording” or “Is this the best possible wording?”
- Adoption of proposed updates is by unanimous consent, which CC4CA defines as ‘no member objects.’ For each proposed update, Board members will have the option of supporting, abstaining, or objecting. If a single member objects to a specific change, that change does not occur, so we ask that members only object (i.e., veto) if they have a strong objection.
- The Policy Statement does not guide how we prioritize among advocacy opportunities. The Policy Committee does that separately. The Policy Statement simply identifies our positions on each of the relevant policy issues.

Accepting or Rejecting Proposed Updates

Finally, when the Board goes through the proposed updates to the Policy Statement, the basic options in each instance will be to accept the proposed update or reject it (in which case the current language in that instance would simply remain as-is and the proposed update does not occur).

For instance, the current policy position on emissions from fossil fuel extraction (which happens to be #20) reads:

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

The Policy Committee is proposing to change that in the following manner:

“Eliminate emissions from and achieve comprehensive, high-accuracy monitoring of ~~Expand monitoring and reduction of the full life cycle emissions from~~ fossil fuel extractive industry activities.”

If one or more members object to this change, then this proposed change simply goes away and we retain the current language. The current language is retained automatically; the only way the Board can change any of the current language is with the consent of the full Board (i.e., no Board members object).

Questions

If you have any questions or need any support as you work through this process, please contact me (303-810-6017, jsmith@cc4ca.org).