

Local Emission Reductions Retooling for the Future

Fourth Annual Conference of the Colorado Climate Network
December 12, 2013, 8:45–3:30, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, 2001 Colorado Blvd.

Conference Agenda

- 8:45 – 9:00 **Registration and coffee**
- 9:00 - 9:25 **Welcome and introduction**
Stephen Saunders, president, Rocky Mountain Climate Organization.
Representative of Denver Museum of Nature and Science.
Tom Easley, director of programs, Rocky Mountain Climate Organization
- 9:25 – 10:30 **Plenary session #1: State and local government actions setting the backdrop for future emissions reductions**
Colorado Air Quality Control Division proposal for rules on control of ozone precursors and (for the first time) methane from oil and gas facilities.
State emissions inventory update: presentation of draft results, the modeling process, and next steps.
Presenter: Garry Kaufman, deputy director, Air Pollution Control Division, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Progress towards meeting emissions reduction goals: comparing local inventories of emissions reduction results with state level results.
Presenter: Tom Easley, director of programs, Rocky Mountain Climate Organization.
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Break/informal networking**
- 11:00 – noon **Breakout sessions: Programs that are breaking new ground.**
Connecting regional and local climate work with state policy for maximum benefit.
Presenters: Alice Laird, executive director, Clean Energy Economy for the Region (CLEER); and
Mona Newton, executive director, Community Office for Resource Efficiency.

The road to zero waste.
Presenter: Susie Gordon, senior environmental planner, City of Fort Collins.

Pairing carrots and sticks to achieve energy efficiency.
Presenter: Elizabeth Vasatka, business sustainability coordinator, City of Boulder.
- Noon – 1:00 **Lunch/informal networking**

- 1:00 – 1:45 **Plenary session #2: Program evaluations and midcourse corrections**
Group discussion on:
Responding to barriers that constrain program goals.
Leader: Tom Herrod, climate and policy analyst, Department of Environmental Health,
City and County of Denver.
- How program audits can lead to improved effectiveness.
Leader: Jonathan Koehn, regional sustainability coordinator, City of Boulder.
- 1:45 – 2:00 **Break/informal networking**
- 2:00 – 2:45 **Plenary session #3: New ways of doing business**
Group discussion on:
- New and emerging issues – Net-zero communities and programs;
 - New community emission reduction targets – numeric versus carbon neutrality goals; and
 - Other emerging trends.
- Leaders: Alison Schwabe, sustainability program manager – Rocky Mountain Region, McKinstry;
Gregg Thomas, manager of air, water, and climate section, Department of Environmental Health, City and County of Denver; and
Bruce Hendee, chief sustainability officer, City of Fort Collins.
- 2:45 – 3:30 **Plenary session #4: Moving forward**
Group discussion on:
- Local government contributions to state actions; and
 - The state role in filling gaps among local programs.
- Leaders: Lucinda Smith, director of environmental services, City of Fort Collins;
Mark Ruzzin, Boulder County Commissioners Office; and
Will Toor, transportation program director, Southwest Energy Efficiency Project, and former county commissioner and mayor.
- 3:30 **Final announcements and adjournment**
Tom Easley, director of programs, Rocky Mountain Climate Organization.