

The Network's role on state policy

A free workshop exclusively for Colorado Climate Network members

March 9, 2012, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
City and County of Denver Webb Municipal Building
Room 4.i.5, 4th floor, 201 W. Colfax Avenue, Denver

All local government officials and climate program managers know that policies adopted by the state are critical to the success of local governments in reducing their contribution and vulnerability to climate disruption. And local governments play an important role in shaping state policies that will enable the state to meet its climate action goals, strengthen the economy, and create green jobs.

Don't miss this great opportunity to share your ideas with and learn from your Colorado Climate Network colleagues and others with key roles in setting the state's climate and energy policy agenda. Help set the Network's priorities for state policy action and what steps the Network will take towards getting those policies in place.

The workshop will feature **open discussions with key policy leaders** from the state, regional planning agencies, non-profits, and local programs. Our goal is to identify and prioritize climate protection actions at the state level (including legislation, regulations, policies, technical support, funding, and partnerships) that the network can advance, especially in areas that cannot be fully addressed locally. **Featured topics include:**

- Current energy and climate issues of most importance to local communities;
- How local communities can help shape state policy;
- The Hickenlooper Administration's plans to address climate and energy issues;
- Targeted actions that help local communities pursue their agendas for clean energy, transportation and land use, and waste management;
- Pending federal legislation that could impact state and local options; and
- The Network's top state policy action priorities.

This is the second in a series of quarterly Network-member-only workshops. There is **no fee for attendees**, who are asked to bring their own brown bag lunches or take advantage of nearby quick take-out opportunities.

The workshop is open only to local officials, managers, and program staff representing current Colorado Climate Network members, each of whom are welcome to send multiple representatives.

To sign up or for more information, contact Tom Easley by phone 303-861-6481 (office) or 303-887-4626 (mobile) or by email at easley@rockymountainclimate.org.

The **Colorado Climate Network** is an organization of, by, and for local governments to support efforts to reduce heat-trapping gases and to adapt to climate change – whether those efforts are styled as climate, sustainability, energy, or adaptation programs. The current members of the Network are the Colorado Municipal League, Colorado Association of Ski Towns, City and County of Denver, City of Aurora, Boulder County, City of Fort Collins, City of Boulder, Park City, Utah, City of Aspen, Town of Vail, Town of Breckenridge, Town of Frisco, and Town of Dillon. The Network is guided by a steering committee of member representatives and administered by the Rocky Mountain Climate Organization.

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Tentative Agenda

Open discussion for all sessions

9:00-9:15 Introduction

9:15-10:00 Discussion with state officials

- Current energy and climate issues of most importance and how they can impact local communities
- How local communities can help shape state policy
- The Hickenlooper Administration's plans for climate and clean energy policies

10:00-11:45 Energy policy framework

- Roles of Governor's Energy Office and Public Utilities Commission
- Pending federal legislation that could affect state and local options
- Energy supply side and energy demand side issues

11:45-12:30 Brown bag lunch and informal networking

12:30-1:15 Transportation and land use policy framework

- Smart growth and transportation-oriented development
- Completing FasTracks
- Other transit measures
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations and CDOT planning
- Planning for electrified transportation and natural gas fleets
- Zoning and permitting for renewables

1:15-2:00 Waste management policy framework

- Landfill diversion as an emission reduction strategy
- State and local landfill diversion goals
- Conversion of waste to energy
- Economic incentives such as landfill tipping fees and pay-to-throw

2:00-2:15 Networking break

2:15-3:00 Reviewing Network priorities for state action

- What revisions, if any, should be made in the Network's current 2012 statement of priorities for state action?

3:00-3:00 Next steps

- What steps will the Network take towards adoption and implementation of its prioritized state policies?