

**Attachment A**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**Regional Building Decarbonization Technical Committee**  
**Tuesday, April 1, 2025**  
**Virtual Meeting Only – Hosted on Zoom**

**Members (or Voting Alternates) Present:**

Melody Mascarenaz	Adams County
Amanda Perkins	Adams County
Maurice Healy	Arapahoe County
Melissa Englund (Alternate)	Arapahoe County
Susie Strife	Boulder County
Jonathan Koehn	City of Boulder
Garret McDaniel	City and County of Broomfield
Shannon Jahn	City and County of Denver
Elizabeth Babcock	City and County of Denver
Jonathan Nelson	Douglas County
Jon White	Douglas County
Bridger Tomlin	Jefferson County
Jeff Wong	Jefferson County
Eryka Thorley	Southwest Weld County
Sergio Cordova	Denver Pipefitters Local 208
Holly Harris	Building Decarbonization Coalition
Gabrielle Rink	Center for Energy and Environment
Eric Wilson	National Renewable Energy Labs
Brooke Pike	Energy Outreach Colorado
Lukas Hagan	Neighborhood Development Collaborative
Peter Johns	Xcel Energy
Steven Jackson	African American Trade Association
Shawn LeMons	Midwest HVAC/EEBC

**Additional Alternates Present:**

Martin Postma (Alternate)	Adams County
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**Public:** Waverly Klaw

**DRCOG staff:** Robert Spotts, Ron Papsdorf, Chris Selk, Cam Kennedy, Clay McCombe, Mac Prather, Greg Miao, Josh Schwenk, Carolyn Klemm, Maddy Nesbit, Max Monk

**Call to Order**

Interim Chair Ron Papsdorf called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **Action Item**

### *Election of Chair and Vice Chair for the Regional Building Decarbonization Technical Committee*

Robert Spotts stated that Liz Babcock nominated Susie Strife as chair and herself as vice chair. Ron Papsdorf moved to accept the nominations for chair and vice chair, which was seconded and passed unanimously.

## **Discussion Items**

### *Building Policy Collaborative Jurisdictional Support Grant Program*

Greg Miao, Building Policy Program Manager, discussed that the Jurisdictional Support Program consists of \$34.8 million for sub-awards to DRCOG's member governments to increase staff capacity and provide other resources to help local governments achieve pollution reductions through implementing high-performance building policy, improving processes, and achieving high compliance rates. Staff have engaged with stakeholders to develop a proposed program structure that consists of DRCOG administering sub-awards to member governments through a formula grants program.

Melody Mascarenaz inquired if this effort will be separate from the Building Policy Collaborative. Greg explained that DRCOG and CEO received CPRG funding, and both organizations are carrying out parallel efforts. Staff will create a document to clarify the distinctions between the efforts of DRCOG and CEO.

Susie Strife stated that since jurisdictions have similar issues in terms of staff capacity it is possible to have fractional services in terms of a Building Policy Code Specialist who could assist different communities. Greg stated there have been discussions and encouraged local jurisdictions to consider collaboration with their county government to potentially create a contract employment opportunity to cover that work.

Martin Postma asked that in terms of the \$1 million research component and the \$2.5 million facilitation of peer conversations and policy consistency, when will there be more clarification regarding what is planned for those aspects of funding, and will local jurisdictions be able to direct those initiatives on what they would like to see happen. Greg replied that the goal is to launch this grant opportunity in June with a kickoff meeting with jurisdictions later this summer. A steering committee is in discussion to help provide guidance and create the curriculum.

### *Incentive Program Considerations*

Mac Prather, Incentives, Advising and Disadvantaged Communities Program Manager, informed the committee that staff is completing the evaluation of proposals for the administration of its Incentive and Energy Advising Program and will soon move into the detailed design of program offerings. The presentation addressed critical background

information to level-set on typical user experiences and key considerations for program design decisions. The following topics will be addressed, and a discussion from all committee members is welcome to help reach a common understanding and generate ideas for DRCOG's staff and vendors during detailed program design.

Martin Postma stated everyone has a unique situation regarding existing equipment in their home. If one house has a furnace that's eight years old while the next house just got a new furnace last year, how can one determine whether it makes sense to make these improvements, especially if you just did something recently? Mac replied that an Energy Advisor Service will be set up following the model set by Boulder County, which will help homeowners plan for these projects.

Steve Jackson inquired if DRCOG is going to level incentives across each county and how is DRCOG looking to allocate resources, especially considering in some jurisdictions, incentive programs are being removed like in Denver. Mac stated that the focus currently is on getting consistency across the region so that things are easier for contractors to navigate projects regionally.

Shawn LeMons stated that with reductions from Xcel and Denver as well as the larger uncertainty in the market right now, could a negotiation or coordination be conducted between Xcel, Denver, and DRCOG to bridge incentives. Mac replied that the goal is to minimize market confusion, and we hope this program helps spur and facilitate stability.

Steve Jackson asked what the plan in terms of reviewing RFPs is. Mac stated that it'll begin with a review by DRCOG which will score recommendations to select a vendor that requires board approval. Once that happens, a detailed program will be designed and ultimately the incentives will be launched around October.

Martin Postma inquired about the state of readiness of local building departments to evaluate, permit, and inspect cold climate heat pumps. Mac stated that vendors will need to provide Quality Installation Verification, and the jurisdictions will need to take responsibility for quality assurance and quality control.

Steve Jackson asked how much coordination is going on between the incentives and regulations regarding the installations. Mac replied that the entire CPRG program is working to consolidate all the guidance into a single plan and linkage is created and maintained across the region to ensure that not only contractors are effectively engaged in this but that this energy transition becomes a reality.

### **Next Meeting – May 6, 2025**

### **Adjournment**

There were no additional comments, and the meeting adjourned at 11:51 p.m.