

Attachment A
Meeting Summary
Regional Building Decarbonization Technical Committee
Tuesday, May 6, 2025
Virtual Meeting Only – Hosted on Zoom

Members (or Voting Alternates) Present:

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| Melody Mascarenaz | Adams County |
| Amanda Perkins | Adams County |
| Maurice Healy | Arapahoe County |
| Melissa Englund (Alternate) | Arapahoe County |
| Susie Strife (Chair) | Boulder County |
| Jonathan Koehn | City of Boulder |
| Garret McDaniel | City and County of Broomfield |
| Shannon Jahn | City and County of Denver |
| Elizabeth Babcock (Vice Chair) | City and County of Denver |
| 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 |
| Adam Sanderson | Longmont Power and Communications |
| Steven Jackson | African American Trade Association |
| Shawn LeMons | Midwest HVAC/EEBC |
| Doug Rex | DRCOG |

Additional Alternates Present:

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| Martin Postma (Alternate) | Adams County |
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Public: DJ Beckwith

DRCOG staff: Chris Selk, Cam Kennedy, Devon Reifsneider, Clay McCombe, Fernando Briones, Andy Birkey, Mac Prather, Maddy Nesbit, Katie Maxted

Call to Order

Chair Susie Strife called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comment

Chris Selk notified the committee that DRCOG's Decarbonization team has hired several new staff. Andy Birkey is now our Senior Communication Specialist, Fernando Briones serves as a Senior LIDAC Specialist, Devon Reifsneider has joined the team serving as a Senior Workforce Specialist, and lastly, Katie Maxted is DRCOG's new

Decarbonization Contracts Lead. Additionally, DRCOG's Board approved VEIC to implement our innovation pilot program and DRCOG is finalizing the selection and recommendation for our incentives and energy advising vendor. DRCOG will soon release an RFP for a low-income program administrator to provide a clearinghouse for home upgrade services and full-service no-cost energy efficiency and beneficial electrification measures. Furthermore, Ad Works was awarded \$5.2 million for green workforce hubs and the Building Decarbonization Coalition received \$4.5 million for a contractor navigation hub. Lastly, DRCOG has signed a contract with Lotus and is working to finalize a contract with Karsh Hagan.

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The summary was accepted.

Action Item

Building Policy Collaborative Jurisdictional Support Subaward 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 attaining 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.

Martin Postma inquired why the letter of intent needs to come from the City Manager or equivalent elected official rather than the Chief Building Officer. Greg Miao replied that it is important to demonstrate high level commitment to the process from our jurisdictions.

Martin Postma asked roughly how long it will take for DRCOG to get back in touch with a jurisdiction with a decision once an application is submitted. Greg Miao responded that it'll take around two weeks for DRCOG to review and then reach back out to jurisdictions.

Jeff Wong asked if DRCOG could clarify the final date for when funds can be reimbursed. Greg Miao stated that DRCOG can include that going forward.

Jonathan Koehn inquired about the engagement and communication strategy to make sure jurisdictions are aware and how existing networks are being leveraged. Greg Miao replied that there is a pre-launch webinar on May 27, where staff will go through the actual application process for our jurisdictions. Additionally, spreading awareness of this program through newsletters, targeted outreach, and the networks of this committee will help amplify awareness of what we are planning to do.

Martin Postma asked if it will be required to have IGAs in place along with the application or can this be formative. Greg Miao stated that DRCOG will not require anyone to submit a formalized IGA relative to any collaboration.

Jonathan Koehn moved to recommend the Regional Building Decarbonization Technical Committee approve the Jurisdictional Support Subawards Policy. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Discussion Item

Building Decarbonization Network: Formation and Coordination Efforts

Mac Prather, Incentives, Advising and Disadvantaged Communities Program Manager, Clay McCombe, Program Manager, Workforce and Industry Development, and Chris Selk, Program Manager, Communications, informed the committee that the Building Decarbonization Network was formally launched in November 2024, facilitated by Partners in Energy and supported by Xcel Energy. The BDN convenes key program implementers to align efforts across overlapping initiatives, including DRCOG, Xcel Energy, the Colorado Energy Office, Rewiring America, and the Collective Clean Energy Fund.

Elizabeth Babcock asked how federal uncertainty is affecting business strategy and business development. Mac Prather stated contractors and businesses are factoring in the current political environment into their process since more risk means there will be more cost for their clients and for the homeowner. To address this DRCOG has been working on finding ways on how the program can be responsive to these fears and risks. Regarding the appetite in the market for heat pumps, Sergio Cordova added that Denver Pipefitters has seen an increase in people wanting a career in the trades, and their apprenticeship program has grown significantly. Clay McCombe added that data is showing that customers want heat pumps installed in their homes, regardless of political affiliation, across the board, people want this to happen, and the market is transitioning to meet this need.

Shawn LeMons asked if program designers and staff are going to go out into the field and get the hands-on knowledge that can only be gained by being with the installers and the technicians, the people who are actually doing the work. Mac Prather replied that staff do want to have that sort of field trip opportunity occur and indeed happen regularly so that staff can see the process take place shoulder to shoulder alongside the installers.

Next Meeting – June 3, 2025

Adjournment

There were no additional comments, and the meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.