Western San Juan Community Energy Board
Meeting Agenda: October 18, 2011 @ 3:00 p.m.
Ridgway Town Hall
Call-in Option: 218-936-7979, access code 394137

EAC's 3:00-3:45 - Nina, Karen, Will, Lynn, Bob, Kim

Discussion - Waste & Recycling Collection
- jurisdictional contracts
- data being collected vs. data we need to establish an accurate baseline
- how to move forward in obtaining data.

Karen- ToT, TMV, Ridgway all contract with Bruin. would be great for all to be on same contract. Better negotiating power. Color of recycling containers not consistent with nationwide color system.

ToT – every 3 yr negotiation. At 1 ½ right now
Ouray – annual negotiation. Detailed data reports from Waste Management (WM)
Impetus in Telluride to contract local (with Bruin) – jobs for west end

Ouray – WM contract. Annual. 1/2way through. WM now pickup recycling for free from county events.

WM – sophisticated, promised a lot, then supposedly limitations due to rural community.
Bruin – teams with Sunrise to provide recycling for towns (TMV, ToT, Ridgway).

ToT has placeholder in contract for curbside composting… long ways off… but efforts to start with some restaurants.

Recyclable items – differs with each town's contract. ***Why different recyclables with each town?

Ouray Courthouse not considered business. They'll pick up white paper at Courthouse, but not at other businesses. Creates confusion for people.

Ophir – WM. Extensive recyclables. Updated this spring.

Small-scale recycling center operation could be an economic development opportunity in region. Cooperation between govt, city, and others. Find land, equipment, keep cost of transport low. Yard waste recycling location would be a great way to start.

Ophir similar to County pickup. Lawson & other subdivisions also. Have centralized pickup location.

SMC contracts with Bruin. Norwood / Wrights Mesa region – free transfer station. Reduced amount of recycling materials being picked up. Staffed, no fees collected.
- Space at Transfer station for yard composting & manure. Strongly desired product in area. Native soils are poor. Soil pep used throughout ToT & TMV

Ouray County Transfer station – poorly setup. Fees are collected. No staff / monitoring of station. Fenced, gated, now people dump stuff outside.

***CFL recycling needed in Ouray County. Setup with Will.

SMPA said they'd help with getting a CFL grinder for region. $800. Large piece of equip. no space. What happened with this idea?****

Battery recycling – ToT library. Ridgway – Jeweler will take anything smaller than car battery. **setup something in Ouray?

Education of what's available here and why is important for contracts, services better, and visitors.

WM has provided volume amounts in past to Ouray County & City of Ouray.

**TNCC collect contracts from each jurisdiction.
- List of recyclable items
- List of data needed
- Past reports of volumes

*another time hazardous waste & electronics recycling event discussion

***Sub-committees in future
- County transfer station discussion – Nina & Will
- Towns discussion about pickup services

Advisory Board 3:45-5:00 (in addition to above, Keith, Todd, Elaine, John Clark)

1) Board & EAC updates (10 min)
   a) Karen – WTP study completed. Little opportunity for energy savings in existing system. Best opportunities in future Pandora plant system. CWDPRA grant funded study. Water flow meters needed at Stillwell / Cornet Creek Basin plant. Better idea of exactly how much flow is treated. Micro-hydro would be Pandora-related & Cornet Creek. Moving forward with discharge monitoring with flow meters on creeks.
   b) Karen – CWCB made 1st loan for hydro project for Ridgway Dam. At 2% interest.
   c) Ridgway / Ouray – Water / WWTP audits should be complete.

d) TNCC – mechanical

e)

2) Discussion about Regional Action Plan and Jurisdictional-Specific Action Plans (5 min)

a) ToT – being worked on. Town section – specific to town buildings. Community – different section, that includes where TNCC can help. Working on formalizing / documenting process already in place for a 5 yr Action Plan and budget.

b) City of Ouray – in process

c) Nina – developing

d) TMV – Deanna emailed list**

e) Discussion about what govts can influence. Estimate / Assumptions for what the influence will be as outcomes from educational events and programs.

f) City of Ouray – presentation – responses vary – competition effect. "how much are big TMV homes using?" comparison of action plans. People get hung up on scale of energy use. Focus that everyone should do what they can. Challenge will be viewpoint of Ouray vs. larger consumer image. Discussion on Residential vs. Commercial vs. Govt – and what can WSJCEB do to influence biggest consumers.

3) Presentations to Communities on GHG Inventory & Action Plan (5 min)

a) Update: TNCC GBR in Telluride – Oct 7
b) Ouray City Council – Oct 17
c) Ridgway?
d) Norwood?

4) GHG Inventory – Results (25 min)

a) Final Document Corrections – Kim working with UCD

b) Benchmark Tables - ****Email these to EAC's for review, input & data correction**

c) Residential Energy Use data per jurisdiction

d) Water Use per jurisdiction

Discussion:

*****set up GB event in Ouray & contact MSEI people.**

5) Energy Efficiency & Conservation Discussion (25 min) – **moved to next mtg**

a) What is priority for this group?

b) Funding mechanisms? (follow PACE bill & iCAST program?)

c) Community Outreach?

d) Residences and Businesses?

e) Set a plan for action

6) Next Meetings: (5 min)

a) Schedule November and/or December – **Nov 15, skip Dec**

b) **2012 – 1st Tues of month??? Find out ToT schedule. Call Connie!**

c) Prioritize topics – **Next meeting**

Future Meeting Topics / Ideas

7) Energy Data Management Options
   a) Nina offered to be the guinea pig to help determine costs.
   b) Would smart meters be compatible with Energy Navigator? Brad will check on this

8) Review GEO 2012 Goals – identify overlaps, commonalities

9) Regional Housing Assessment Report – relation to STRATEGY / Actions

10) Future Meeting idea: EAC – take turns to describe what each are doing and stating challenges; share data management strategies

11) Future Topics of Education:
   a) Watergy 101
   b) DOE Behavioral change presentation DOE presentation on behavioral change (10 min)
      i) Knowledge of data / information alone won't change people's behaviors…
      ii) Recap from notes – Kris, Nina, Kim
      iii) Presentation of this info to govts & communities? –discuss, schedule,
   c) Kim – recap of Nov 1-4 workshop – "Fostering Sustainable Behavior"

A few other items of interest:

1. There is an **Energy Conference next Friday and Saturday, Oct 21 & 22, in Montrose at the Pavilion,** hosted by FOREAlliance.
- Conference Agenda (attached): http://www.forealliance.org/conference/conference-agenda/
- I will be presenting with the CEC's of FORE and ORE on Friday afternoon: The Presentation will take place in the South Conference Room at 3:15 to 4:15

2. **On-site E-waste Recycle drive**. Feel free to send this information out to anyone who may have some stuff to bring down!
Complete details:
http://www.forealliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/Ewaste_Residential.pdf.pdf

PACE - Strong Bipartisan Support for HR 2599

Elected officials... please show your support. Or maybe as a regional collaborative effort, a letter should be written? Lynn Padget is following this item closely... http://pacenow.org/blog/

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