



Proposed Updates to CC4CA's Policy Statement

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The Board is being asked to consider and potentially adopt updates to the current document (which is already adopted and will remain in its current form unless the Board makes changes to it). The Board is not adopting a new Policy Statement, in other words, but rather is considering a number of specific proposed changes to the current document.

The proposed changes are listed below. The vast majority of these proposed updates are minor, involving simple copy edits, clarifying edits, and reorganizing some sections (but without significant substantive changes to the positions themselves). A small number are more substantive in nature; those are marked below as "**SUBSTANTIVE**."

Please note: The numbers below refer to the new numbering in the redline section.

General Policy Principles section

- **SUBSTANTIVE.** Insert “fiscal tools” in the third bullet to help clarify that this list may include fiscal policies.
- **SUBSTANTIVE.** Reword the fifth bullet to make clearer that the focus is on equitable decision-making (such that equity-oriented policies are a tool helping to achieve that outcome).

“Policy Positions” introductory sentence

- Grammatical edit (“Colorado Communities for Climate Action supports the following policy positions:” changed to “Colorado Communities for Climate Action supports policies that:”)

Statewide Climate Strategies

- #1 - Replace “2019” with “adopted” in referencing the state’s GHG goals, since they have already updated them and may do so again.
- #2 – Insert a comma.
- #4 – Clarify that our target isn’t simply to “expand” consideration of environmental and health costs but to make these considerations an important priority.

Local Climate Strategies

Adams County · Aspen · Avon · Basalt · Boulder · Boulder County · Breckenridge · Broomfield · Carbondale
Clear Creek County · Crested Butte · Dillon · Durango · Eagle County · Edgewater · Erie · Fort Collins · Frisco
Gilpin County · Glenwood Springs · Golden · Lafayette · Lake County · Larimer County · Longmont · Louisville · Lyons
Mountain Village · Nederland · Northglenn · Ouray County · Pitkin County · Ridgway · Routt County · Salida
San Miguel County · Snowmass Village · Summit County · Superior · Telluride · Vail · Wheat Ridge

- #7 – Clarify that we support evaluation processes which serve this goal, which could be a single, comprehensive process but could also be multiple processes. The point is comprehensive evaluations and not that it all be done at once.
- #8 – Narrow the focus of this item to just buildings and move the “resilience” reference to the new “Resilience” section.

Energy Generation

- **SUBSTANTIVE:** Expand the title of the “Energy Generation” section to include “Transmission and Distribution.”
- **SUBSTANTIVE:** #10 and #11 - Make clear that CC4CA wants to both retire existing fossil fuel generation as quickly as possible and wants to discourage construction of any new fossil fuel generation.
- #9 – Move this from the end of this section (#12) to the beginning of this section (#9), and tweak the wording to more clearly capture grid modernization.

Energy Efficiency

- #14 – Keeps this policy position focused on low-income/disproportionately impacted communities and consolidates and relocates the ‘just transition’ language to a separate item exclusively focused on those issues (#27).

Transportation

- #16 – Replaces the reference to a very specific document (“2020 Colorado Electric Vehicle Plan”) with a reference to the full range of policies, plans, etc. related to transportation and GHG emissions.
- #17 – Focuses this item just on transportation/mobility, pulling out the ‘land use policy’ reference and consolidating and relocating it to a separate item exclusively focused on land use (#18). This also incorporates the core idea of the previously numbered #19 (i.e., consolidating two positions into a single position).

Land Use [New Section]

- **SUBSTANTIVE:** #18 – Encourage adoption and implementation of statewide policies that enable local governments to enact land use, zoning, and planning policies that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve resilience.
- **SUBSTANTIVE:** #19 – This is the new item focused exclusively on agriculture and forestry.

Resilience [New Section]

- Both of these items (#20 and #21) were already in the Policy Statement but are simply relocated into this new section.
- #21 – More explicitly references water resilience, which is captured in the existing language but not quite as clearly as it could be.

Fuel Sources

- **SUBSTANTIVE:** Renames/reframes this section from being strictly about fossil fuel extraction to being more broadly about fuel sources.
- **SUBSTANTIVE:** #22 – Shifts the policy position from simply “expanding” efforts related to reducing extraction-related activities to “eliminating” GHG emissions from

those activities.

- **SUBSTANTIVE:** #23 – This is a new position focused on evaluating alternative energy options.

Waste

- #24 – Clarifies that this policy position is about CDPHE having the authority it needs to achieve its solid waste goals instead of narrowly referencing a single document.
- #25 – Consolidates this and what used to be the subsequent policy position.
- #26 – Removes the reference to agriculture here so that this policy position is entirely focused on water. The agriculture point is relocated into a new agriculture-specific position (#19).

General

- Delete the previously numbered #25, which felt important to explicitly call out in 2021 when we last updated the Policy Statement but seems less so now. Support for climate positive innovation is embedded throughout the Policy Statement.
- Relocate the previously numbered #26 to the new Resilience section noted above (#20).
- #27 – This position was relocated from earlier in the document, and it now consolidates and focuses on just transition/community transition.
- #28 – Updates the language to clarify that this position is about the full range of sequestration/removal/CCUS/etc. technologies and methodologies, not just the two specific ones we had specifically named. This was the intent but the universe of these types of technologies and methodologies has expanded since 2021. This now also emphasizes the importance of these activities being “well regulated.”
- Relocate the previously numbered #28 on water management to the new Resilience section noted above (#21).
- #29 – This includes some new, clarifying language.
- #30 – This includes some new, clarifying language.