

Town of Lyons, Colorado
Board of Trustees
BOT Agenda Cover Sheet
Agenda Item No: X. 4.
Meeting Date: Aug 2, 2021

TO: Mayor Angelo and Members of Board of Trustees
FROM: Kim Mitchell, Community Relations and Programs Director
DATE: July 28, 2021
ITEM: Resolution 2021-76, a Resolution SUPPORTING THE 2021 UPDATES TO THE COLORADO COMMUNITIES FOR CLIMATE ACTION POLICY STATEMENT

ORDINANCE
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 INFORMATION

I. REQUEST OR ISSUE:

This resolution would approve consideration to Support Updates to the CC4CA 2021 Policy ~~Statement~~ Part of the agreement of membership with CC4CA is also to formally adopt the CC4CA policy statement, which has updates to the original 2019-2020 version, approved by the BOT in 2019.

II. RECOMMENDED ACTION / NEXT STEP:

Support updates to the Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) policy statement for 2021 (see attached) and approve Resolution 2021-76.

III. FISCAL IMPACTS:

There is no fiscal impact for the support.

IV. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Colorado Communities for Climate Action is a coalition advocating for state and federal actions to complement local climate protection action and protect Colorado's climate for current and future generations. The coalition is comprised of 38 local governments, including Boulder, Longmont, Louisville and Nederland. The 2014 Lyons Environmental Sustainability Action Plan identified Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) as an organization supporting our local goals. The Sustainable Future Commission have

identified CC4CA as a beneficial partnership to address greenhouse gases and climate change issues.

As a member, the Town of Lyons had the opportunity to weigh-in on the development of the CC4CA Policy Statement, which is updated on an annual basis to adjust the policy positions of the organization. CC4CA's 2021 Policy Statement update reflects unanimous agreement among the coalition members on steps that should be taken at the state and federal level, often in partnership with local governments, to enable Colorado and its communities to lead in protecting the climate.

The proposed statements were developed through CC4CA committees, which solicited input from every member jurisdiction and then prepared updates to reflect that input. At this time, all members of CC4CA are asked to formally ratify the updated Policy Statement.

Most of the updates are non-substantive with edits primarily to improve the Policy Statement's organization and clarity. Substantive updates and new positions to note are:

- 1) The Policy Principle related to equity was revised to in particular explicitly call out race as a basis of historic and systemic inequities.
- 2) Position #23 was substantially revised to cite the "circular economy" concept as a framework for considering policies related to reuse, recycling, and composting, and to add a reference to reducing the carbon intensiveness of materials and products.
- 3) The following new Policy Positions were added:
 - Position #24: Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from water treatment, wastewater treatment, solid waste, and agricultural activities.
 - Position #27: Support exploration and deployment, when appropriate, of natural climate solutions (NCS) and of carbon capture and utilization/sequestration (CCUS).
 - Position #28: Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase resilience associated with water management through water conservation, efficiency, reuse, adaptation and low impact development strategies.

The Policy Position on equity (#28) was eliminated as that issue has now been elevated to an overarching Policy Principle.

V. LEGAL ISSUES:

None.

VI. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

None.

VII. SUMMARY AND ALTERNATIVES:

The Sustainable Future Commission and staff recommend approval of the resolution. However, the Board may also choose to not approve the policy statement or the resolution.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-76, a Resolution SUPPORTING THE 2021 UPDATES TO THE COLORADO COMMUNITIES FOR CLIMATE ACTION POLICY STATEMENT

Attachments:

- CC4CA Policy Statement updates.