



The Colorado Climate Project

The mission of the Colorado Climate Project is to bring Coloradans together to reduce our contribution and vulnerability to climate change. The project is similar to efforts initiated by state governments in other states but is the first to be undertaken by a nonprofit organization. A blue-ribbon panel will develop recommendations that the Rocky Mountain Climate Organization will present to the state government, local governments, water providers, the private sector, and others.

The Center for Climate Strategies

The project is a collaborative undertaking of the Rocky Mountain Climate Organization and the Center for Climate Strategies (www.climatestrategies.us). CCS's 20-plus experts are providing technical analysis for and facilitating the work of the Climate Action Panel, as they have for similar state-government panels in Arizona, New Mexico, Montana, North Carolina, Minnesota, and elsewhere. CCS's budget for its costs of the Colorado Climate Project is \$350,000, which it is raising independently.

Project Directors

Ten Project Directors have appointed the blue-ribbon Climate Action Panel and charged it with developing recommendations on: (1) goals on how much to reduce Colorado's future emissions of heat-trapping gases, (2) ways to reduce emissions enough to meet those goals, and (3) ways to prepare for the climate changes that may still occur in Colorado – all in ways that are consistent with a growing Colorado economy. The Project Directors are:

John Hickenlooper	Mayor of Denver
Steve Burkholder	Mayor of Lakewood
Doug Hutchinson	Mayor of Fort Collins
Tom Long	Summit County Commissioner
Matt Baker	Director, Environment Colorado
Tom Clark	Executive Vice President, Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation
Gary Hart	Wirth Chair Professor, University of Colorado-Denver
Gail Klapper	Director, Colorado Forum
Pat Vincent	President, Public Service Company of Colorado (Xcel Energy)
Al Yates	Former President, Colorado State University

Climate Action Panel Members

Thirty-seven people are on the Climate Action Panel, which is expected to submit a final report before the end of 2007. The panel members are:

Rick Adcock	Vice President for Energy & Carbon Asset Management, CH2M Hill
Dr. Susan Avery	Vice Chancellor for Research & Dean of Graduate School, University of Colorado at Boulder
Tilman Bishop	Regent, University of Colorado

Brad Boyce	President, Oso Energy
Michael Bowman	Steering Committee, 25x'25
Dr. Joe Broz	Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, Midwest Research Institute
Mel Coleman, Jr.	Chairman, Coleman Natural Foods
Tom Compton	Rancher and Board of Directors, La Plata Electric Association
Chris Crosby	Designee of National Wildlife Federation
Judy Dorsey	President, the Brendle Group, and Coordinator, Northern Colorado Clean Energy Cluster
Michael Dowling	Principal, Western Ranchland Investors
Dr. Tony Frank	Provost, Colorado State University
Dan Grossman	Rocky Mountain Regional Director and Senior Attorney, Environmental Defense
Helen Klanderud	Mayor, City of Aspen
Eric Kuhn	General Manager, Colorado River Water Conservation District
Dr. Chuck Kutscher	Designee of Colorado Renewable Energy Society
Laurie Mathews	Former Director, Colorado State Parks
Dan McClendon	Manager, Delta Montrose Electric Association
Brian Moeck	General Manager, Platte River Power Authority
John Nielsen	Energy Project Director, Western Resource Advocates
Bruce Oreck	Attorney, Oreck, Bradley, Crighton, Adams & Chase
Dr. John Poate	Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer, Colorado School of Mines
Frank Prager	Managing Director of Environmental Policy, Xcel Energy
Mark Ruzzin	Mayor of Boulder and Program Associate, Southwest Energy Efficiency Project
Mark Safty	Partner, Holland & Hart
Marguerite Salazar	CEO, Valley Wide Health Systems
Stuart Sanderson	President, Colorado Mining Association
Auden Schendler	Director of Environmental Affairs, Aspen Skiing Company
Will Shafroth	Executive Director, Colorado Conservation Trust
Nancy Sharpe	Mayor, Greenwood Village, and Chair, Denver Regional Council of Governments
Jim Spehar	City Council, City of Grand Junction; President, Colorado Municipal League; and Director, Rocky Mountain office, Sonoran Institute
Penfield Tate, III	Shareholder, Greenberg Traurig, LLP, and Commissioner, Denver Board of Water Commissioners
Randy Udall	Director, Community Office for Resource Efficiency
Bill Vidal	Manager, Department of Public Works, City and County of Denver
Chris Williams	Group Lead, Environmental Safety & Health, Encana Oil & Gas (USA)
Rob Witwer	State Representative, Colorado General Assembly
Stan Zemler	Town manager, Town of Vail, and designee of Colorado Association of Ski Towns

Policy Work Group Members

An additional 65 people serve with members of the Climate Action Panel on six smaller groups that advise the full panel on specific policy areas.

The **Agriculture, Forestry, and Waste Management** policy work group includes seven members of the full panel and:

Matt Baker	Environment Colorado
Meg Collins	Colorado Livestock Association
John Covert	Colorado Working Landscapes

Tony Frank	Rocky Mountain Farmers Union
Tom Fry	The Wilderness Society
Susie Gordon	City of Fort Collins
Steve Hill	Summit County
Linda Joyce	Rocky Mountain Research Station, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Eric Lombardi	Eco-Cycle
Keith Paustian	Natural Resources Ecology Lab, Colorado State University
Mike Ryan	Rocky Mountain Research Station, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Tim Sullivan	The Nature Conservancy, Colorado

The **Energy Supply** policy work group includes 13 members of the full panel and:

Vicki Card	Colorado Springs Utilities
Craig Cox	Interwest Energy Alliance
Ron Lehr	American Wind Energy Association
Tom McKinnon	Colorado School of Mines
Barbara Roberts	Environmental Defense
Richard Smart	Smart, Mahoney & Associates
Wade Troxell	Colorado State University
Kate Zimmerman	National Wildlife Federation

The **Residential, Commercial, and Industrial** policy work group includes five members of the full panel and:

Kai Abelkis	Boulder Community Hospital
David Adamson	EcoBuild, LLC
Dan Chiras	Sustainable Systems Design, Inc.
Jack Ihle	Xcel Energy
Paul Ira	Ameresco, Inc.
Pat Keegan	Colorado Energy Science Center
Pam Kiely	Environment Colorado
Brian Levitt	Forest City Commercial Group
Dave Newport	University of Colorado Environmental Center
John Phelan	City of Fort Collins Utilities
Dan Richardson	Schmueser/Gordon/Meyer
Jennifer Schenk	Intrawest Colorado
Kurt Schlomberg	Denver Environmental Health
Jim Schrack	City of Aurora
Doug Seiter	U.S. Department of Energy

The **Transportation and Land Use** policy work group includes six members of the full panel and:

Gregg Cassarini	Colorado Environmental Coalition
Jim Charlier	Charlier Associates, Inc.
Tim Gagen	Town of Breckenridge
Kelli Kammerer	American Honda
Don Parsons	Town of Dillon
Jennifer Schaufele	Denver Regional Council of Governments
John Tayer	Roche Colorado Corporation
Kimberly Taylor	Alternative Fuel Vehicle Institute
Gregg Thomas	Denver Environmental Health

Will Toor	Boulder County Commissioner
Mike Whitaker	University of Colorado Denver Health Sciences Center
Brian Woodruff	City of Fort Collins

The **Cross Cutting Issues** policy work group includes six members of the full panel and:

Jack Ihle	Xcel Energy
Elise Jones	Colorado Environmental Coalition
Tom Looby	Town of Frisco
Tom Moore	CIRA, Colorado State University
Barbara Roberts	Environmental Defense
Isaac Silverman	Environment Colorado
Lucinda Smith	City of Fort Collins
Sarah Van Pelt	City of Boulder

The **Water Adaptation** sub-group includes five members of the full panel and:

Ben Harding	Hydrosphere
Tom Looby	Town Council, Town of Frisco; Northwest Council of Governments Committee on Water Quality and Quantity
Shaun McGrath	City Council, City of Boulder; Western Governors Association
Bart Miller	Western Resource Advocates
Mark Pifher	Water Department, City of Aurora
David Robbins	Hill and Robbins
Brad Udall	Western Water Assessment, University of Colorado
Marc Waage	Denver Water
Chris Williams	Encana Oil and Gas (USA)

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Partners of the Rocky Mountain Climate Organization

The Rocky Mountain Climate Organization is a mainstream coalition whose partners are:

City and County of Denver	Aspen Skiing Company	New Belgium Brewing Co.
City of Fort Collins	Boulder Community Hospital	Qwest
City of Boulder	Colorado Association for Recycling	RBI Strategy & Research
Summit County	Colorado Association of Ski Towns	Roche Colorado
City of Aspen	Colorado Conservation Trust	Rocky Mountain Farmers Union
Town of Frisco	Continuum Partners	Vail Resorts
Town of Breckenridge	Domani	Western Resource Advocates
Town of Dillon	Intrawest Colorado	Westcliffe Publishers
Town of Silverthorne	National Wildlife Federation	Wild Oats Markets
Town of Telluride	Nature Conservancy of Colorado	Wright Water Engineers
Denver Water		

