



Council Memorandum

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Community Sustainability Advisory Board (CSAB)
Through: Theresa Worsham, Sustainability Manager
Date: January 28, 2015
Re: CSAB update

Purpose of Agenda Item: CSAB would like to provide Council with information about upcoming initiatives of the Board and incorporate any additional direction or input by Council.

Near Term Initiatives: The Board is working on many projects, but would like to share a few of its top priorities:

Pay As You Throw Implementation. Because of the many questions from both haulers and residents in HOAs, staff has fast-tracked the application process for the haulers, in order to get information out to the HOAs even faster. To date, the haulers have received the application with a deadline of February 27th to submit a completed form including rates for all HOAs. Over this month, haulers will be providing pricing to HOAs and already, staff has reviewed and approved several bids for compliance with the ordinance. To assist Council with the recent public comments on the validity of the ordinance, CSAB would like to offer a look back to the original reasons for the ordinance.

- This ordinance is one of several phases within the original sustainability goal of 25% waste diversion, adopted through Resolution No 1798, and supported by Golden Citizens and specifically named by the Solid Waste & Recycling Task Force. The City has already achieved many of the recommendations included in this excerpt from the 2008 Task Force Report:

	Recommen dations	2007	2008	2009-2017
A	Single Stream Recycling (SSR)		x	
B	Pay As You Throw (PAYT)		x	x
C	Organic composting: public facility		x	
D	Single vendor SW franchising		x	
E	Downtown recycling bins	x		
F	Organic composting: curbside pickup			x
G	Plastic shopping bag ban			x
H	Event recycling			x

- The ordinance guarantees city-wide access to residential recycling, incentivizing a greater diversion away from the local landfill.
- 100% of golden households will now be offered volume-based rates, which includes households in the City program, multi-family households and homes in HOAs.
- It will provide an accurate metric to quantify the actual diversion rate for the 25% waste & recycling goal. Very few communities in Colorado are able to do this.
- The ordinance will facilitate greater opportunities to divert additional waste streams in the future such as yard waste, kitchen waste, electronics, appliances.

2015 Sustainability Strategic Plan. After a review and update of the sustainability goals last year, the Board created several new strategies for each of the goal areas which are contained in this new Plan (attached). These strategies are intended to be addressed in the next 3-5 years, but the Board has also identified these specific strategies that will be prioritized as part of its work plan for 2015:

Climate Adaptation: Develop a Climate Adaptation or Climate Resiliency strategy for all sectors.

Green Buildings: Develop schedule for review & adoption of new building codes, finish LEED certification for Public Works building.

Economic Health: Work with DDA to promote energy efficiency grants, implement a LED grant program.

Education & Communication: Better communicate CSAB's work and all available local sustainability programs, opportunities and initiatives to the Golden community, actively engage local community in sustainability efforts.

Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy: Reach out to largest commercial consumers, pursue feasibility of local Solar Garden projects for residents and businesses.

Solid Waste & Recycling. Address downtown recycling, promote zero-waste events & define scope, evaluate alternate or regional program for yard waste.

Alternative Transportation. Support improvement of walkability and bikeability along South Golden Road, Pleasant View, North Golden, and West Colfax Avenue, modify and simplify the VMT model.

Water Conservation. Support Advanced Meter Program and Aqua Hawk Software rollout, promote outdoor water conservation.

The Board invites Council to add or modify the near-term initiatives to include appropriate projects.

Zero Waste Events. With the creation of a new Special Events Coordinator position at the City, the Board would like to take this opportunity to ensure that the city's Sustainability Goals will be supported through this new effort. The requirement and follow-up enforcement of recycling, provision for bike facilities, and strategies for reducing disposable water bottles through greater access to city water are important elements to a

zero waste effort. The Board would like to see greater continuity of support for these elements in the process from application to event implementation.

Water Conservation. The Board believes it should provide education and communication in support of the upcoming residential water meter exchange. CSAB members have experienced the new meter upgrades and use the proposed AquaHawk online software to view their household consumption. Communicating the benefits to Golden residents and showcasing examples of user experiences can provide helpful support to the implementation effort.

CSAB invites comment and input from Council on any of these initiatives and wishes to discuss on how the Board may provide additional support to Council during the current PAYT implementation process.

Attachments: 2015 Sustainability Strategic Plan
 Waste Hauler application