



MEMORANDUM

P.O. Box 4100 ♦ FRISCO, COLORADO 80443

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: HILARY SUEOKA, ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS COORDINATOR
RE: RATIFICATION OF CC4CA POLICY STATEMENT
DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Summary and Background: The Town of Frisco is a member of Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA). CC4CA is a coalition of 34 local governments across the state advocating for stronger state and federal climate policy and is governed by a Board of Directors representing all of the member communities. Breckenridge, Dillon, Frisco, and Summit County are all members.

Each year, CC4CA's Policy Committee reviews and revises the Policy Statement that guides the coalition's efforts. The changes each year reflect the actions of the previous year and the current state of affairs within Colorado. The Policy Statement is first adopted by the CC4CA Board, and then must be ratified by all CC4CA members.

Analysis: The 2021-2022 Policy Statement has very few revisions from the 2019-2020 Policy Statement. The substantive revisions in the Policy Statement are as follows:

a) Add a new item on solid waste, wastewater, and agricultural waste (which will now be Policy Position #24):

24. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from water treatment, wastewater treatment, solid waste, and agricultural activities.

b) Add a new item on water conservation (which will now be Policy Position #28):

28. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase resilience associated with water management through water conservation, efficiency, reuse, adaptation and low impact development strategies.

NOTE: This language was crafted by an ad-hoc working group in April and May to find language that clearly identifies water-related GHG emissions as important to CC4CA but avoids the issues on which CC4CA's members may not share a unified view (specifically on water storage, diversions, and the varying perspectives across the West Slope and Front Range).

Financial Impact: There is no financial impact to the Town for this item. Any CC4CA actions will be pursued using staff time.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This action aligns with the Strategic Plan goal of a Sustainable Environment and Council's high priority goal of implementing the Climate Action Plan. While CC4CA may be focused on a broader range of Coloradans, we know that climate change and climate action is a collective problem and needs to be addressed with collective solutions. By continuing to participate in CC4CA, Frisco is continuing its commitment to its environment and the health of future generations.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that Council votes to ratify the 2021-2022 CC4CA Policy Statement.

Reviews and Approvals: This report has been reviewed and approved by:

Don Reimer, Community Development Director
Bonnie Moinet, Finance Director
Tony O'Rourke, Town Manager

Attachments: CC4CA Policy Statement update