

2011 energynow Priorities



Vision: Chaffee County and the municipalities of Buena Vista, Poncha Springs and Salida promote and support energy conservation, energy efficiency and innovative uses of renewable resources and technology.

2011 Energy Advisory Board:

Dan Higgins	Atmos Energy	Linda Nyberg	Sangre De Cristo Electric Association
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Dennis Giese	Chaffee County Commissioner	Alan Northcott	HVAC Engineer
Rachel Friedman	Buena Vista Town Engineer		

Strategies: The Chaffee County Energy Advisory Board has determined that the following strategies from the energynow Program will be pursued as priorities for 2011.

ENERGY PRODUCTION (Efficiency)

Energy Efficiency Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support and resources for energy efficiency, energy conservation and renewable energy considerations as a component of all future county and municipal plans.
ENERGY STAR Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with the Governor’s Energy Office, EPA, and local businesses to promote the building of ES homes.
Rebates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide outreach and education to local residents and businesses for maximizing the use of utility and GEO rebate incentives.
Local Events and Venues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with local organizations, businesses, and governments to encourage the incorporation of conservation, energy efficiency and recycling measures into community events.
Solar Leasing/Solar Gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide education and support for solar-leasing programs.
Resource Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate regular updates and education of County 1041 regulation

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Regulations	revisions regarding geothermal energy production.
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BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Energy Audits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to partner with educational institutions to host training programs to increase the number of certified auditors in the County. Maintain energy audit equipment for checkout by local certified auditors. Track and report quantifiable results from CEC programs and outreach (e.g., the number of energy audits performed throughout the county and watt meter checkouts).
Retrofit Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and disseminate a self-guided retrofit checklist for residences and small businesses to increase energy efficiency. Track, report, and follow-up on checklist use by local residents.
Weatherization Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to work with the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments to facilitate weatherization assistance for low to middle-income residents.

TRANSPORTATION

Fuel Efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage the use of efficient fleet vehicles and practices for local state and federal agencies within Chaffee County.
Local Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate and encourage the local food movement, which reduces the need for transportation, processing and packaging.
Multi-modal Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue promoting pedestrian, bicycle and low-emission vehicle traffic in Chaffee County. Pursue grants and other funding resources to enhance existing trail systems, bike lanes, sidewalks, the Safe Routes to School Program, and other measures that promote walking and bicycling. Review ordinances and planning considerations to enhance these alternative modes of transportation.

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WASTE

Waste Reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach to local government staff to identify current reduction policies and provide guidance for enhancing paper, plastic, glass and metal recycling efforts at local government facilities. • Continue to support increased recycling and reuse of waste materials in local business operations. • Outreach to the building industry to encourage construction waste management programs (based on the county acquisition of grinder). • Work with UAACOG to explore collaboration and funding opportunities to support continuation of Chaffee, Custer, Fremont and Park County Community Energy Coordination.
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EDUCATION

Community Energy Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support and enhance the scope of work objectives for the Chaffee County Community Energy Coordinator Program. • Identify current and potential Energy Advisory Board Members from the county and each municipality to provide guidance and oversight for 2011 Strategic Priorities.
Online Information Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the energynow website and social media tools to provide current information about events, trainings, GEO rebates, resources, and learning opportunities for county residents, businesses and local governments. • Promote website through local print and media sources.
Outreach Educational Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to coordinate with CSU Extension and other local entities to coordinate outreach education events such as Sustainable Friday at the Fair and the "For The Love of Energy" expo.
Local Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to utilize local media outlets to inform and educate residents and visitors about energy related accomplishments, projects and benefits of energy efficiency and conservation.
Plan Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and update 2010 Plan resources such as maps, existing local government plans and resolutions, legislation regarding energy plan strategies, etc.