

# Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Agenda



**Tuesday, August 5, 2025**

**Pursuant to the Town's Electronic Participation Policy, the meeting will be conducted both in person and via a virtual meeting portal. Members of the public may attend in person at the Community Center, located at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado 81432, or virtually using the meeting information below.**

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**5:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** Joyce Huang, Dana Ivers, Dave Jones, David Kehmeier, Kristina Lemon, Sheridan Ribbing, Terry Schuyler

## **WORK SESSION:**

1. Update on the Letter of Intent for Local Implementation, Mitigation, and Policy Action (Local IMPACT) Accelerator grant opportunity
2. Discussion and detail finalization for EV Ride & Drive Event on August 9<sup>th</sup>
3. Discussion and detail finalization for ribbon cutting event for the Ridgway Space to Create Resilience Hub Microgrid Project on September 5<sup>th</sup>
4. Discussion re Sun Day, a national day of action to celebrate the power of renewable energy
5. Discussion and direction re idle-free regulations
6. Discussion re reappointment or recruitment of SAB members
7. Discussion re work plan items from the Town of Ridgway 2025 Strategic Plan

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

8. Minutes from the July 1, 2025 meeting

## **ADJOURNMENT**

## AGENDA ITEM #1

# Ridgway IMPACT Accelerator Letter of Intent (LOI) Workpage

## APPLICATION GUIDANCE

Thank you for your interest in the [Local IMPACT Accelerator Program](#)! Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the [Program Guidance](#) before submitting LOIs. The LOI period for Round 1 applications will close Friday, August 1st at 5pm MT. The Colorado Energy Office (CEO) will provide an 'encouraged' or 'discouraged' decision to applicants no later than Tuesday, September 30th at 5pm MT.

Applicants can submit questions about the Accelerator using the [IMPACT Accelerator Q&A form](#) until Tuesday, July 1st at 11:59 pm MT. CEO will post public responses to all questions received during the formal Q&A period by Monday, July 7th at 5pm MT. After July 1st, applicants should direct questions to Regional Coordinators. Answers to Q&A's, Regional Coordinator contact information, and webinar recordings will be available on the [IMPACT Accelerator webpage](#).

[Colorado Energy Office Accessibility Statement](#)

Please read the following before completing your application:

- Policies are initiatives that are passed by an elected body in your jurisdiction.
- Policy proposals must extend beyond state and local requirements.
- Applications should select from the policy/project lists in the Accelerator Guidance.
- Applicants cannot apply for project funding alone - a policy must be included.
- Applicants can apply for multiple policies and projects in a single application.
- Projects can be in the same sector or in a different sector as the proposed policy.
- Projects should demonstrate that they will support local policy.

## SECTION 1 - CONTACT INFORMATION

### Lead Applicant

First Name Preston

Last Name Neill

Type of Organization City

Please select... City County Tribe Cohort Led by a City/County

Only Colorado Cities, Counties and the Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Indian Tribes are eligible to apply.

Entity Legal Name Town of Ridgway

Entity Preferred Name (optional)

Contact Email pneill@town.ridgway.co.us

Alternative Email (optional)

Contact Phone (970) 626-5308

Alternative Phone Number (optional)

County Ouray

Zipcode 81432

Is your jurisdiction within the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) planning area and intending to apply for their Climate Pollution Reduction Grant funding?

Please select... No, I'm not in the DRCOG region Yes, I'm in DRCOG and I'm applying for DRCOG funds Yes, I'm in DRCOG but I am not applying for DRCOG fund

NO

Are you applying as part of a cohort?

NO

## SECTION 2 - APPLICATION SUMMARY

### Policy & Project Summary

**For the overview below please use the following format and language:**

My application includes passing a **[policy measure name]** through a vote by **[city council or other elected body]**. We are asking for project funds to **[project description]** (if

applying for project funds). In order to pass the policy, we will **[description of actions to pass policy]**. We intend to pass a **[policy type, i.e. ordinance, statute, etc.]** which will exceed existing state and local requirements by **[description of how policy exceeds requirements]**. The project work will support **[name of new or existing policy]** by **[description of project impact]**.

Please provide a 3-5 sentence high-level overview of your application, including all policies and projects you're applying for (using the suggested format and language above).

Our application includes passing an all-electric building energy code through a vote by Ridgway Town Council. We are asking for project funds to 1) implement comprehensive municipal building electrification retrofits, 2) establish a community incentive program for residential and business electrification technologies, and 3) develop enhanced permitting pathways and staff training programs to support code implementation. In order to pass the policy, we will conduct extensive community outreach and stakeholder engagement, provide technical training for town staff and local contractors, and demonstrate the benefits through municipal building case studies.

### **SECTION 3 - DETAILED POLICY & PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS**

#### **Policy Sectors**

What policy sector(s) are you applying for (select all that apply)?

Buildings

Land Use

Transportation

Waste

What policy measure(s) are you applying for? (Check all that apply and review Accelerator Guidance Table 1 for the full description of each measure listed below).

Building Measure 1: Adopt Advanced Building Energy Code

Building Measure 2: Adopt Building Performance Standards

Land Use Measure 1: Become certified as an ADU supportive jurisdiction

Land Use Measure 1: Adopt ADU supportive land use regulations

Land Use Measure 2: Adopt multi-family/mixed-use supportive land use regulations

Land Use Measure 3: Adopt policies that protect land from development

Land Use Measure 3: Adopt financial disincentives that protect land from development

Land Use Measure 4: Eliminate minimum off-street parking requirements

Land Use Measure 4: Adopt parking management strategies

Land Use Measure 5: Adopt the EV Charging Model Land Use Code

Land Use Measure 6: Adopt renewable energy supportive land use regulations

Transportation Measure 1: Adopt robust complete streets policies

Transportation Measure 1: Adopt active transportation supportive design standards

Transportation Measure 1: Dedicate funding for active transportation facilities

Transportation Measure 2: Dedicate funding for transit priority improvements

Transportation Measure 2: Adopt plans that prioritize transit users

Transportation Measure 3: Require major developments to adopt TDM strategies

Transportation Measure 3: Require major employers to adopt TDM strategies

Transportation Measure 4: Adopt fees that encourage zero-emission vehicles

Waste Measure 1: Adopt an ordinance for universal recycling or composting

**Waste Measure 1: Adopt a single or limited-hauler policy**

Waste Measure 1: Adopt a Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) Policy

Waste Measure 1: Establish construction and demolition (C&D) diversion rules

Waste Measure 2: Establish a waste fleet procurement policy

None of the Above (may not be considered eligible if substantially different)

Please describe your policy effort in detail. What policy are you seeking to advance? Why did you choose this policy? What impact will advancing this policy have for your jurisdiction?

**Policy Description:** The Town of Ridgway is seeking to adopt an all-electric building energy code ordinance that requires electric space heating, water heating, and cooking in all new residential and commercial construction. This ordinance would prohibit new natural gas connections in buildings, following the successful models established by Crested Butte (2021) and Lafayette (2024). The policy goes beyond Colorado's Model Low Energy and Carbon Code.

**Policy Selection Rationale:** We chose this policy because it has been discussed since 2022 as an implementable climate action policy in our community, and we feel this grant opportunity gives us the funding to make it a reality. Our town's commitment to sustainability is evident through our recently adopted Net Zero by 2030 resolution, which commits the Town to achieve net-zero carbon emissions for all municipal operations by 2030 and aims to serve as an example for residents and businesses to achieve the same goal. We know that tangible, local demonstration is critical for getting our community on board.

The all-electric building code represents the highest-impact policy measure available (4-star emissions rating in CEO's guidance), providing maximum greenhouse gas reduction potential. Our Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) has been planning to actively encourage the Town to add an amendment to the next building code adoption that would set a date by which all new construction in Ridgway must be all-electric. However in listening to some of our community members, we are recognizing the need for laying the foundation for requiring all-electric construction first. The municipal Net Zero resolution serves as the foundational policy catalyst that establishes the proof of concept and commitment necessary for successful all-electric code adoption. With this grant opportunity, we will plan to implement additional measures to build community support, and broad level stakeholder buy-in. The stakeholders include, the Town Planning Department, local architects and builders, current homeowners looking to remodel, and future land owners planning to build in the near future

**Jurisdictional Impact:** Advancing this policy will dramatically reduce our community's carbon emissions in alignment with our Climate Action Plan goals of reducing 50% of our emissions by 2030 and 90% by 2050. Building electrification will create healthier homes for our residents, as gas appliances emit pollutants that make indoor air often more polluted than outdoor air, with children in homes with gas stoves being 42 percent more likely to suffer asthma symptoms. For our local economy, building new all-electric homes is less expensive than mixed-fuel homes since they eliminate the need for gas connections (which carry a median price tag of nearly \$9,000) and use efficient heat pump systems for both

heating and cooling.

Additionally, our residents will benefit from declining costs of and existing incentives for efficient electric appliances like heat pumps while avoiding the soaring costs of maintaining aging gas infrastructure that would otherwise be passed on to customers over the next 50-plus years. Our approach to use municipal building electrification retrofits as proof-of-concept demonstrations will show residents and businesses that all-electric systems work effectively and cost-efficiently in our mountain climate before requiring them in private construction. This demonstration strategy will build community confidence and support while providing real-world case studies of successful electrification that can serve as a replicable model for other rural Colorado communities seeking to align local building codes with ambitious climate commitments.

### **Likelihood of Success**

Please describe why you think your project will be successful, including:

- How you anticipate successfully adopting this policy
- If there are other policies/programs that build a foundation or support for the policy
- If you have support from an elected body
- Historical work completed to build support for the policy

**Policy Adoption Strategy:** Our path to success is built on a strategy of demonstration, not just declaration. We'll retrofit municipal buildings first as proof-of-concept projects, showing residents and contractors that all-electric systems work brilliantly in our mountain climate before requiring all-electric construction. Combined with comprehensive stakeholder outreach, access to real-world data and successful cost-effective precedent, and technical training programs, this approach turns skeptics into advocates through real-world results.

Our proposed strategy would be for Ridgway to adopt Colorado's model Low Energy and Carbon Code as planned by the end of this year (or early next) with most of the amendments in our regional package developed with the code cohort. This timing aligns with other jurisdictions' plans for adoption and allows time for the LECC to serve as a significant stepping stone toward an all-electric required code. We propose that Ridgway not adopt the optional all-electric amendment at this time, but instead utilize the Accelerator grant funding and measures outlined in the LOI to prepare the community for the all-electric code amendment to be adopted on a pre-planned future date in alignment



with this grant timeline. We believe this approach will lead to more informed stakeholders that will more easily embrace and support these new policies that extend beyond state and local requirements. We further believe that this approach will accelerate the intended benefits of the greenhouse gas reductions, providing more rapid impacts to the local environment and climate.

**Strong Policy Foundation:** We're not starting from scratch. Our recently adopted Net Zero by 2030 resolution creates the policy catalyst, while our Sustainability Advisory Board actively champions all-electric building requirements. Our participation in the regional Energy Code Cohort has already increased staff expertise, and our partnership with CEO's technical resources ensures we have the tools for successful implementation.

The Town of Ridgway has traditionally been and continues to be a leader in progressive policies, including adoption of a Prescriptive Energy Code and Green Building Standard in 2015 that established "beyond code" requirements, formal adoption of our regional Climate Action Plan in 2021, beginning annual purchases of "Totally Green" RECs from San Miguel Power Association, the local rural electric cooperative, in 2020 to offset municipal electricity use 100%, and more recently becoming a Founding member of Mountain Towns 2030 with our Net Zero municipal goal. [MT2030 | Mountain Towns 2030](#)

**Proven Community Leadership:** Our Town Council's adoption of the Net Zero resolution demonstrates strong elected support, while the SAB provides ongoing policy guidance and community advocacy. This institutional alignment creates a clear pathway from recommendation to adoption.

**Track Record of Trust and Results:** Change is hard in rural mountain towns like ours, but we have something in our favor: our track record. Our successful partnership with San Miguel Power Association has built community confidence in clean energy, while our collaboration with EcoAction Partners proves we can tackle complex environmental challenges together. Several of our Sustainability Advisory Board members were previous members of the Ridgway Ouray Community Council Energy Committee, which successfully supported energy infrastructure improvements in municipal buildings and the Ridgway High School, among other successful sustainability projects. Most importantly, we're committed to radical inclusion—our goal is that not one single resident can say "I wasn't included or consulted." We know that progress moves at the speed of trust, but also at the speed of demonstrated success. That's why we'll prove electrification works in our own buildings before implementing an all-electric building energy code..

## Ambition/Exceedance of State and Local Requirements

Does your proposed policy exceed state and local requirements?

Yes

No

Describe how your policy extends beyond State minimum standards (adopting a policy that extends far beyond existing local and state requirements, adopting a forthcoming state requirement early, opting-in to optional state legislation, etc). How much farther does it go?

**All-electric building energy code** - Colorado's LECC aims to create equity between electric and natural gas use and it requires "electric readiness" in accordance with Colorado's model Electric Ready and Solar Ready codes, but it does not go so far as requiring all-electric buildings. Ridgway's policy would apply to all new construction, including applicable remodels and additions, advancing Ridgway's commitment toward climate action goals that include a community-wide transition to all-electric building energy use.

**Net Zero by 2030 municipal commitment:** Our municipal building electrification policy goes beyond any state requirements for municipal buildings. While Colorado has established building performance standards for large private buildings (HB21-1286), there are no state mandates for municipal building electrification or net-zero operations. Ridgway's commitment to achieve net-zero carbon emissions for all municipal operations by 2030 establishes a timeline and scope that exceeds state requirements by a full decade, as most state climate goals target 2040-2050 timeframes. Our comprehensive municipal retrofits create a demonstration program that supports private sector adoption while fulfilling commitments that go far beyond any existing state mandates for local government operations.

## Policy Timeline

Anticipated policy work start date: January 1st, 2026

Since contracting with the state won't occur until early 2026, this date should be Jan 1, 2026 or later.

Anticipated policy adoption date: January 1st, 2028

How will you show your policy efforts are advancing within the first six months if awarded?

Within the first six months we will demonstrate meaningful progress toward all-electric building code adoption through these concrete milestones:

**Town Council Engagement (January-March 2026):**

- Prepare the SAB to present the all-electric building code amendment to Town Council at a formal meeting, with agenda documentation showing policy discussion
- Secure Town Council direction to proceed with an initiative for future consideration of adoption for all-electric requirement and community engagement process

**Policy Implementation Framework Development (March-April 2026):**

- Develop implementation timeline and compliance pathways for the all-electric building energy code based on the Energy Code Cohort work
- Coordinate with EcoAction Partners on technical assistance, all-electric study analysis and policy development strategy, documented through partnership agreements and work plans

**Community Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement (Ongoing throughout 2026-2029):**

- Partner with EcoAction Partners for comprehensive community outreach and stakeholder engagement
- Leverage our existing contractor and community network relationships expanded through our participation in the regional Energy Code Cohort
- Host several public outreach meetings and tabling events specifically focused on the all-electric building energy code amendment, with documented flyers, attendance records, and summary reports of public input
- Host technical roundtable discussions/workshops with the building community

**Municipal Building Proof-of-Concept Implementation (March-December 2026):**

- Initiate Energy Performance Contracting (EPC) process with CEO's program, select pre-qualified Energy Service Company (ESCO) and contract for Investment Grade

Audit (IGA) to assess municipal buildings and develop guaranteed maximum price retrofit proposals.

- Present EPC study results and cost analysis to Town Council for approval of retrofit implementation based on ESCO recommendations and guaranteed savings projections.
- Begin retrofitting municipal buildings with all-electric systems (heat pumps, electric water heaters, electric municipal equipment etc.) as demonstration projects following Town Council approval, providing contractor agreements, installation schedules, and progress documentation.

Are you applying for policy funding or both policy and project funding?

Please select... Policy Funding (Only) Both Policy & Project FundingJurisdictions cannot apply for project funding alone.

## SECTION 4 - FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

### Construction & Contractors

The Accelerator is generally not funding construction projects but may make some allowances if construction efforts are unavoidable. However, construction triggers federal requirements for grantees, contractors, and CEO, including tracking wages. Hiring a contractor to install equipment could also trigger certain federal requirements.

Does your project involve construction or hiring a contractor for equipment installations?

YES (dropdown)

### Quality Assurance Project Plans

Having looked at the Accelerator Guidance and Appendix E (a list of what might trigger the need to develop a Quality Assurance Project Plan) do you expect your application will involve collecting and using environmental information (e.g. environmental data)?

NO (dropdown)

## Equipment & Materials

Do you plan to purchase any equipment or materials? (e.g. heat pumps, vehicles, laptop computers, or software)

YES (dropdown)

## Other Federal Requirements

The Terms & Conditions cover many other federal regulations but many may not relate to your project. These include the National Historic Preservation Act, the Archeological and Historic Preservation Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the Farmland Protection Policy Act. Do any of these apply to your project?

NO (dropdown)

Project latitude and longitude (if known):

38.1526° N, 107.7556° W

## Section 5 - BUDGET & MATCH

### Budgets

As described in the Accelerator Guidance, you will be asked to provide three budgets. This includes a Standard Budget (up to \$2 million), a fiscally Constrained Budget (about 25% of the standard budget) and a Vision Budget (costs over you standard budget up to \$5M). If awarded funds, you will need to explain each budget by task.

Use the following format for the question above to help break down expected tasks:

Task 1 - Title and short description (e.g. a few words or a sentence that explains the task),

Task 2 - Title and short description,

Task 3 - Title and short description,

Task 4 - Title and short description,

Task 5 - (Add as many tasks as needed)

### Outline the major Scope of Work tasks if awarded the Standard Budget:

Task 1 - All-Electric Building Code Amendment Adoption - Finalize ordinance language, legal review, Town Council presentation(s), adoption process and timeline

Task 2 - Community Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement - Partner with EcoAction Partners for comprehensive community engagement, town halls, contractor trainings, and stakeholder meetings

Task 3 - Municipal Building Electrification Retrofits - Replace Town Hall gas boiler with cold climate heat pump and heat pump water heater, retrofit additional municipal buildings with electric heating/cooling systems. Document energy and cost analysis from municipal retrofits to serve as real-world case studies for community education

Task 4 - Permitting and Implementation Support - Develop permitting pathways, staff training programs, and compliance resources for new all-electric building energy code

Task 5 - Community Electrification Incentive Program - Model after the successful Telluride Green Grants program which has been managed by EcoAction Partners for five years and reduces financial barriers for heat pumps, electric water heaters, and other electrification technologies

Task 6 - Municipal Fleet and Equipment Electrification Pilot - Replace one Public Works pickup with EV and pilot electric grounds maintenance equipment (string trimmers, blowers, mowers) with battery management systems

### Outline additional Scope of Work tasks if awarded your Vision Budget:

Task 7 - Renewable Energy Infrastructure - Solar installations at municipal buildings and Green Street Sustainability Park. These solar systems will provide the renewable energy offset to the all electric energy use, enabling and completing the vision for Net Zero.

Task 8 - Advanced Energy Storage Systems - Battery storage systems to support municipal renewable energy and grid resilience, where applicable and feasible.

Task 9 - Comprehensive Community Beneficial Electrification Plan - Develop community-wide electrification roadmap with enhanced incentive programs

Task 10 - Regional Replication and Technical Assistance - Support other rural communities in adopting similar policies and share lessons learned

### Outline Scope of Work tasks that would remain if only awarded your Constrained Budget:

Task 1 - All-Electric Building Code Development and Adoption (reduced scope)

Task 2 - Community Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement

Task 3 - Municipal Building Demonstration Project - Town heating systems retrofit only

Task 4 - Basic Staff Training and Permitting Pathway Development

**Constrained Budget (\$)** 500,000

**Standard Budget (\$)** 2,000,000

**Vision Budget (\$)** 5,000,000

### Match Funds

Applicants are required to provide 5% match (e.g. leveraged funds) unless they qualify for 0% match. Select your anticipated match

Please select... 5% match; we do not explicitly direct any funds to low-income groups 5% match; we direct some funds to low-income groups (but not enough to qualify for 0% match) 0% match; my jurisdiction is completely made up of qualifying low-income census block groups 0% match; my application will direct at least 40% of the funds to qualifying low-income census blocks groups 0% match; I am applying on behalf of the Ute Mountain Ute or Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Unsure how to figure out low-income requirements? See "Appendix D - Low-Income Match Verification" in the Accelerator Guidance and learn how to use EnviroScreen2.0 to verify low-income eligibility.

If you do not qualify for 0% match, do you anticipate being able to provide 5% match for each of the three budget amounts?

Please select... Yes No Not sure N/A; I qualify for 0% match Will your match be all cash, or a mix of cash and in-kind?

Please select... Match will be cash Match will be cash (at least 50%) and in-kind (up to 50%) N/A; I qualify for 0% match

## Funding Need

Provide a description of the need for funding from the Colorado Energy Office (CEO) to pass the proposed policy(ies) and implement project(s). Describe how the proposed policy and/or project would not be achievable without CEO funding or would be enhanced or improved with CEO funding.

The all-electric building code concept has been a priority of key SAB members and council members for years, but we've lacked the funding and supporting code structure necessary for successful implementation. While our Net Zero by 2030 resolution demonstrates political will, the community outreach and incentive programs essential for success have no current funding pathway. Award of these funds will be the catalyst and springboard to achieving our aggressive goals.

**Critical Implementation Needs:** CEO funding enables comprehensive community engagement through EcoAction Partners, municipal building retrofits that serve as proof-of-concept demonstrations, and community electrification incentives modeled after Telluride's successful Green Grants program. Our small municipality is already deeply committed with other outreach and technical initiatives and cannot provide the technical assistance, permitting pathway development, and professional outreach needed to build community trust and reduce financial barriers to implementing policies and projects to reach our climate action goals. This funding will enable us to hire contracted services to expand our capacity and successfully implement these policies.

Without CEO funding, we would be limited to policy adoption without the community engagement, demonstration projects, and incentive programs that transform good intentions into effective implementation - it is likely that without sufficient outreach, trainings and incentives, the adoption will be unsupported and thereby unsuccessful.



## SECTION 6 - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Sustained Impact

Describe the likelihood that this application, if funded, will have a sustained impact. This can include ongoing committed funding to support the effort after grant funds are expended, demonstrated long-term support from stakeholders, likelihood of the policy being repealed in the future, how the policy/project aligns with long-term planning efforts, etc.

Our application has exceptional likelihood for sustained impact due to strong institutional foundations and long-term alignment with community planning efforts.

**Policy Permanence:** Building codes rarely face repeal once adopted, especially when aligned with state requirements like Colorado's Model Low Energy and Carbon Code. Our policy is anchored by the formally adopted Net Zero by 2030 resolution, Ridway's commitment to meet goals in the regional Climate Action Plan, and the outreach, education and project opportunities afforded through this grant funding, creating a durable framework and community buy-in to last beyond election cycles.

**Ongoing Support Infrastructure:** Municipal building retrofits create permanent infrastructure with ongoing operational savings. The community incentive program will transition to sustainable funding through continued local foundation support, utility partnerships with San Miguel Power Association and future state programs. Local contractors trained through our programs become ongoing advocates for electrification and transition their business toward electric technologies.

**Strategic Alignment:** The policy directly implements our Net Zero resolution, actions in our regional Climate Action Plan, and aligns with regional clean energy initiatives. Our partnership with EcoAction Partners provides technical and community engagement assistance beyond the grant period, while our demonstration approach creates a replicable model that generates regional momentum reinforcing local commitment.

### Stakeholder Support

Describe your plan for public engagement, including specific groups you may target, why and any relevant historical public engagement activities. If you

plan to engage with low-income communities, please also describe those efforts.

This does not need to be lengthy but should cover your key constituents and plans for engagement.

### **Target Groups and Approach:**

- **Local contractors and developers** - Technical training sessions and roundtables to build implementation capacity and address concerns about new requirements
- **Homeowners and renters** - public forums and tabling events explaining benefits, timeline, and available incentives
- **Sustainability advocates** - Working through our active Sustainability Advisory Board and existing environmental networks

**Commitment to Inclusion:** Our goal remains that "not one single town resident can say they weren't included or consulted." EcoAction Partners will help ensure culturally appropriate outreach materials and multiple engagement opportunities to accommodate different schedules and communication preferences.

### **Risk Mitigation**

What risks have you identified that could prevent your policy and/or project efforts from succeeding?

**Community Resistance:** Rural mountain communities, with mixed demographics, can be skeptical of new regulations, particularly those affecting private property. We mitigate this through our "demonstration first" approach—retrofitting municipal buildings as proof-of-concept before asking residents to comply. Our extensive community engagement ensures concerns are heard and addressed early, while our Green Grants incentive program modeled after Telluride's successful model reduces financial barriers that often drive opposition.

**Timeline Pressures:** Coordinating policy development, community engagement, and technical implementation within grant timelines requires careful project management. Our

established relationships through the Energy Code Cohort and partnership with EcoAction Partners provide experienced support to keep efforts on track.

**Market Availability:** Supply chain issues or equipment availability could delay municipal retrofits. We mitigate this through early procurement planning and flexible implementation schedules that allow adaptation to market conditions while maintaining overall project momentum. Upfront contractor engagement and trainings ensure the necessary financial incentive for the local workforce to embrace, adopt and promote the new technologies.

How will you mitigate risks that may prevent your efforts from being successful? Specifically include how you will mitigate the risk that your policy effort does not pass, any project management concerns and whether you've successfully completed similar work before.

**Community Resistance:** We mitigate this through our "demonstration first" approach—retrofitting municipal buildings as proof-of-concept before asking residents to comply. Our extensive community engagement through EcoAction Partners ensures concerns are heard and addressed early, while our Green Grants incentive program modeled after Telluride's successful model reduces financial barriers that often drive opposition. If initial policy adoption faces resistance, we have flexibility to adjust implementation timelines while maintaining core electrification requirements.

EcoAction Partners brings extensive experience in addressing concerns of community members, municipal staff, and elected officials in order to gain community-wide support and engagement in order to initiate changes aligned with our climate action goals. EcoAction also successfully manages community-specific contract work with other regional governments in order to increase climate initiative implementation capacity and bring building energy and sustainability programming technical expertise to their partners. We look forward to expanding our partnership with EcoAction in this way.

**Timeline Pressures:** Our partnership with EcoAction Partners brings eighteen years of regional grant administration and implementation experience, including proven project management expertise from managing the previous Governor's Energy Office Main Street Efficiency Program on a region-wide basis, a one-time San Miguel County community grant

program, and Telluride's Green Grants program for five years. We'll establish clear project milestones with regular CEO staff check-ins and contingency planning. Our existing relationships through the Energy Code Cohort reduce coordination challenges, while our three-tier budget structure allows scaling to available funding without compromising core objectives.

**Market Availability:** We mitigate this through early procurement planning, flexible implementation schedules, and backup equipment options that allow adaptation to market conditions while maintaining overall project momentum. Our partnership with experienced contractors through the Energy Code Cohort provides multiple sourcing options, and our phased approach allows adjustment of retrofit timelines based on equipment availability without derailing policy development efforts.

**Matching Funds:** As this initiative will span several years, the Town Council will need to provide regular annual appropriations to maintain the grant matching requirements and support the successful realization of the aggressive goals. Fortunately the Town Council has a proven progressive track record to date and will leverage the generous grant funding to maintain a continuum of support and advance the policy adoptions and project implementation..

Will you be able to provide all the necessary attachments in the Full Application if encouraged to proceed? Required attachments will include:

- Letter from City Council (or similar entity)
- Commitment of match funding (if you do not qualify for 0% match and it is not already included in the letter from City Council)
- Letters of support (required for cohorts; preferred for all)
- Screenshot of EnviroScreen2.0 and/or a GIS map if you qualify for 0% match
- A detailed budget spreadsheet with budget breakdown by task
- Copy of the jurisdictions' DRCOG application (If applicable)

Please select... Yes, I can provide all applicable attachments for the Full Application No, I will have a problem with one or more of these requirements

Is there anything else you want to tell CEO that was not covered above?

Is there anything you wish to upload at this time (not required)?

Please select... Yes, I'd like to upload one or more files for reference No, not now

## AGENDA ITEM #4

<https://sunday.earth/>

## AGENDA ITEM #5



From: Dana Ivers coyotesrevenge@mac.com  
Subject: idling  
Date: July 1, 2025 at 8:21 AM  
To: Dana Ivers coyotesrevenge@mac.com

# Sample idling ordinance

## 1214. Engine Idling.

(a) Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful for any person to idle or permit the idling of the motor of any stationary motor vehicle for a prolonged or unreasonable period of time determined herein to be two minutes.

(b) This section shall not apply when the engine of a motor vehicle must be operated in the idle mode for safety reasons including, but not limited to, the operation of cranes and fork lifts.

(c) The time required by a diesel-powered motor vehicle while operating in a stationary position to achieve a temperature of one hundred twenty (120) degrees Fahrenheit and an air pressure of one hundred (100) pounds per square inch, shall not be included in the computation of the two minutes determined herein to be a prolonged or unreasonable period of time. The temperature and air pressure as indicated on the vehicle's gauges may be used for determining the diesel engine's temperature and air pressure and may dictate idling time for both warm-up and cool-down.

(d) The time during which transportation vehicles are actively loading or discharging passengers shall not be included in the computation of the two minutes determined herein to be a prolonged or unreasonable period of time. A 'transportation vehicle' shall be defined for purposes of this section to mean motor vehicles designed to transport a minimum of sixteen (16) persons.

(e) Emergency vehicles are exempt from the above engine idling restrictions.

~~(7) Section 1213 is renumbered to Section 1215.~~

~~(8) A new Section 1213 of the Model Traffic Code is adopted, to read as follows:~~

Dana iver:

Grant me the ability to be alone  
May it be my custom to go outdoors each day  
Among the trees and grasses,  
Among all growing things,  
And there may I be alone,  
And enter into prayer  
To talk to the one I belong to.

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## **Colorado**

### **Municipal Codes**

#### **City of Aspen Municipal Code**

##### 13.08.110 Engine Idling.

(a) Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful for any person to idle or permit the idling of the motor of any stationary motor vehicle for a prolonged or unreasonable period of time determined herein to be five (5) minutes or more within any one (1) hour period of time.

(b) This section shall not apply when an engine must be operated in the idle mode for safety reasons including, but not limited to, the operation of cranes and fork lifts used in the construction industry.

(c) The time required by a diesel powered motor vehicle with a gross weight rating of ten thousand (10,000) pounds or more while operating in a stationary position to achieve a temperature of one hundred twenty (120) degrees Fahrenheit and an air pressure of one hundred (100) pounds per square inch, shall not be included in the computation of the five (5) minutes determined herein to be a prolonged or unreasonable period of time. The temperature and air pressure as indicated on the vehicle's gauges may be used for determining the diesel engine's temperature and air pressure.

(d) The time during which transportation vehicles are actively loading or discharging passengers shall not be included in the computation of the five (5) minutes determined herein to be a prolonged or unreasonable period of time. A transportation vehicle shall be defined for purposes of this section to mean motor vehicles designed to transport a minimum of sixteen (16) persons. (Ord. No 74-1992, § 1: Code 1971, § 11-2.70)

#### **Denver Municipal Code**

##### ARTICLE IV. MOBILE SOURCES

##### Sec. 4-43. Idling restriction.

(a) Effective July 1, 1990, no person shall allow a vehicle to idle for more than ten (10) minutes in any one-hour period unless:

(1) The ambient outside air temperature has been less than twenty (20) degrees Fahrenheit for the previous twenty-four-hour period; or

(2) The ambient outside air temperature is less than ten (10) degrees Fahrenheit.

(b) The idling restriction in subsection (a) shall not apply to emergency vehicles; to vehicles engaged in traffic operations; to vehicles which are being serviced; to vehicles that must idle to operate auxiliary equipment, including but not limited to pumps, compressors or refrigeration units; or to vehicles en route to a destination that are stopped by traffic congestion.

(Ord. No. 330-90, 6-4-90)

#### **Greenwood Village Municipal Code**

10.04.010 Model Traffic Code adopted.

A. The City hereby adopts by reference the 2003 edition of the Model Traffic Code for Colorado, promulgated and published by the Colorado Department of Transportation, Safety and Traffic Engineering Branch, 4201 East Arkansas Avenue, EP 700, Denver, CO 80222.

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D. The City makes the following modifications to the 2003 edition of the Model Traffic Code:

1. The following new Part 3 is added to the Model Traffic Code:

*PART 3  
EMISSIONS CONTROL*

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*304. Idling prohibited. It is unlawful for any person to operate or cause or knowingly permit to be operated in any residential district in the City, except on a state highway, any motor of a motor vehicle which weighs twelve thousand (12,000) pounds or more, manufacturer's gross vehicle weight, or any combination of motor vehicles towed by such motor vehicle, which remains stationary for a consecutive period longer than five (5) minutes.*

**Town of Johnstown Municipal Code**

Sec. 8-44. Idling.

Motor vehicles that weigh more than ten thousand (10,000) pounds (mostly trucks) are hereby forbidden from idling longer than fifteen (15) minutes in any hour unless stopped due to traffic congestion. Moreover, said vehicles shall not idle within one hundred (100) feet of a residential area from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. unless parked in the designated area.

**Vail Town Code**

5-1-7: NOISE PROHIBITED:

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G.Motor Vehicle Noise:

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3 Idling Engines:

a. It shall be unlawful for any person to idle or permit the idling of the engine of any bus, truck, or any motor vehicle of any kind whatsoever, for a period of time in excess of twenty (20) minutes within the Town limits.

b. Notwithstanding subsection G3a of this Section, it shall be unlawful for any person to permit any idling whatsoever of the engine of any unattended bus, truck or any motor vehicle, except for refrigeration vehicles, within the Lionshead Mixed Use 1, Lionshead Mixed Use 2, Commercial Core 1 or the Commercial Core 2 Zone Districts of the Town.

### **Winter Park Town Code**

#### **4-3-5: IDLING OF MOTOR VEHICLES:**

A.The unreasonable and prolonged idling of motors of any motor vehicle of any kind whatsoever is hereby declared to be a nuisance and public safety and health hazard.

B.It shall be unlawful for any person to idle or permit the idling of the motor of any motor vehicle of any kind whatsoever for a prolonged and unreasonable period of time within the limits of the town at any time of the day or night.

C.Evidence that a motor vehicle has idled for a period of fifteen (15) minutes or longer shall be prima facie proof that said vehicle was idling for a prolonged and unreasonable period of time.

D.Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be fined in an amount not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or imprisoned for a term not to exceed ninety (90) days, or both, for each offense. (Ord. 334, Series of 2003)

## AGENDA ITEM #7

## SAB WORK PLAN ITEMS

### FROM TOWN OF RIDGWAY 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

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<b>1</b>	Advise the Town to adopt a resolution formally establishing a net-zero goal to be achieved by 2030. Once in place, explore initiatives to promote within the community.	Terry
<b>2</b>	Establish a “road map” to net zero.	David/Dave
<b>3</b>	Provide quarterly progress updates to the Town Council.	Terry
<b>4</b>	Draft and recommend adoption of idle-free (i.e., no idling) regulations.	Dana
<b>5</b>	Organize and hold two educational outreach meetings/public engagement events in 2025 to promote SAB educational campaigns.	Dave/Terry
<b>6</b>	Participate on the Sneffels Energy Board Energy Code Cohort by working with EcoAction Partners, Lotus Engineering & Sustainability and NORESCO to align our region on an approach and code package for 2024 International Energy Conservation Code adoption (this includes the model electric and solar ready code).	Dave
<b>7</b>	Evaluate establishment of a goal/date for all new construction projects to be all-electric.	Dave
<b>8</b>	Work to decrease festival and event waste by encouraging local management contracts and event organizers to provide for composting, recycling, etc. at Ridgway events.	Joyce/Sheridan
<b>9</b>	Evaluate and recommend options for instituting incentives/rebates for residential and commercial participation in local composting programs.	Joyce/Sheridan
<b>10</b>	Increase local organic/natural food production and consumption.	Joyce/Sheridan
<b>11</b>	Evaluate and recommend options for instituting a turf replacement program that could include rebates or incentives.	Terry
<b>12</b>	Explore identifying where wildlife corridors are and possibilities for mitigating speeding on US 550 and SH 62. Explore deployment of additional signage.	Dana

## AGENDA ITEM #8



# Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

## July 1, 2025

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) members present were Dana Ivers, Dave Jones, David Kehmeier, Kristina Lemon, Sheridan Ribbing, and Terry Schuyler. Joyce Huang was absent. Preston Neill was also present.

### 2. EV Ride & Drive Event

A brief conversation took place about logistics and other planning items for the EV Ride & Drive event scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup>. Dave told the group he would not be able to attend the event.

### 3. Trash, Recycle & Compost Sorting

Dave said some spots still need to be filled for the trash/recycle/compost sorting service being provided at the Ridgway Concert Series. This year there will be three stations set up throughout the concert venue. Dana volunteered to help. The group talked through ways to get more people signed up to volunteer for the five concert events throughout July.

### 4. Discussion and detail finalization for ribbon cutting event for the Ridgway Space to Create Resilience Hub Microgrid Project

Some brief updates were given on the status of the event. The SAB, SMPA, EAP and POW will all have a table presence at the event. Sheridan indicated that she would work on developing a flyer for the event. It was identified that some money would need to be made available from the Town for refreshments during the event. An agenda/itinerary still needs to be developed for the event.

### 5. Discussion and preparation for Letter of Intent for Local Implementation, Mitigation, and Policy Action (Local IMPACT) Accelerator grant opportunity

The group discussed ideas for how to frame the LOI and what to request funding for. Siobhan with EAP agreed to draft the LOI based on all of the input that was received. Terry made a motion to recommend to the Town Council that a LOI be submitted by the August 1 deadline. David seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously by members present.

### 6. Green Grants Program

A brief update was given about the Green Grants Program. Siobhan announced that the program would open soon.

### 7. Discussion re work plan items from the Town of Ridgway 2025 Strategic Plan

The group went through the work plan list and status updates were given on each item.

### 8. Approval of minutes from the June 3, 2025, meeting

Terry made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2025 meeting. David seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously by members present.

### 9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 7:00 p.m.