

# Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Agenda



Tuesday, March 4, 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.**

## **Join Zoom Meeting**

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**5:00 p.m.**

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

## **WORK SESSION:**

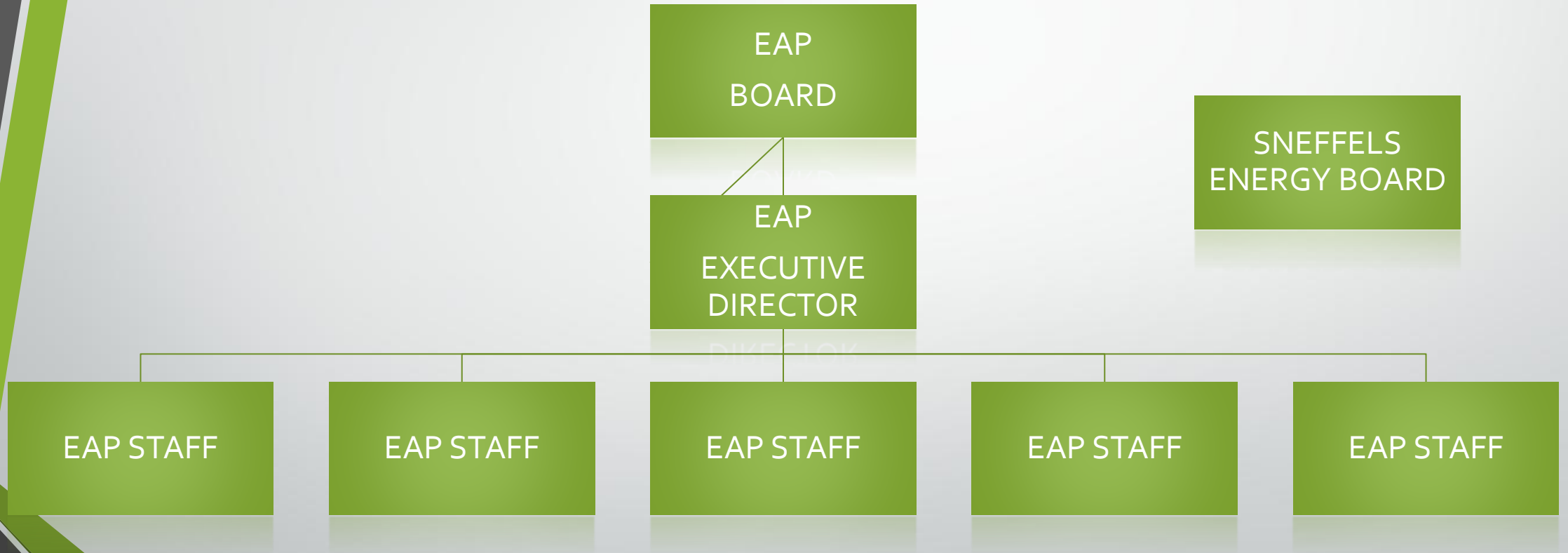
1. Review of Organizational Chart for EcoAction Partners/Sneffels Energy Board
2. Review, discussion and potential action re draft *Resolution Reaffirming Ridgway's Commitment to Climate Action, Establishing a Goal for Net Zero Carbon Emissions, and Establishing an All Electric, Net Zero Energy Use Policy for Housing Projects with Financial Investment from the Town of Ridgway*
3. Discussion re SAB work plan items from the Town of Ridgway 2025 Strategic Plan
4. Update re "Ridgway Sustainability" website updates

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

5. Minutes from the January 27, 2025 meeting

## **ADJOURNMENT**

# EcoAction Partners (EAP) Organizational Chart





## **SNEFFELS ENERGY BOARD**

Recognizing the power of collaboration, EcoAction Partners formed the Sneffels Energy Board in 2009 to address sustainability at a regional level. Specifically, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and consumption of valuable natural resources in the region through coordinated community engagement, project implementation, and policy change at both local and state levels.



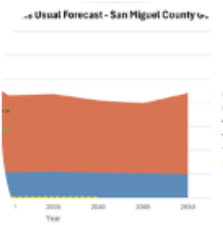
## How it Works

The Sneffels Energy Board brings together local leaders to collaborate on setting and accomplishing regional sustainability goals. Partners of the board meet quarterly to share information, experiences, design successful regional programs, identify new opportunities, and analyze progress. Advantages of this regional approach include a stronger voice to influence political change, greater leverage for grants, ability to address regional challenges together and improved sharing of best practices.



## Participating Partners

EcoAction coordinates the Sneffels Energy Board with government and staff representatives from San Miguel and Ouray counties, the towns of Telluride, Mountain Village, Ophir, Norwood, Ridgway and the City of Ouray as well as utility partners, San Miguel Power Association, Black Hills Energy and citizen group representatives.



## Regional GHG Inventory

EcoAction Partners along with regional leaders, tracks greenhouse gas emissions, sets goals and coordinates actions.

Click [here](#) to learn more.



## Regional Climate Action Plan

Update to the 2010 Sustainability Action Plan can be found [here](#).

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-XX**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF  
RIDGWAY, COLORADO REAFFIRMING RIDGWAY'S  
COMMITMENT TO CLIMATE ACTION, ESTABLISHING A  
GOAL FOR NET ZERO CARBON EMISSIONS, AND  
ESTABLISHING AN ALL ELECTRIC, NET ZERO ENERGY USE  
POLICY FOR HOUSING PROJECTS WITH FINANCIAL  
INVESTMENT FROM THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Ridgway, Colorado (the "Town") is a home rule municipality and political subdivision of the State of Colorado organized and existing under a home rule charter pursuant to Article XX of the Constitution of the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has long been committed to sustainability and to preserve natural resources for current and future generations, and endeavors to be a leader in responsible stewardship of the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the impacts of climate change affect everyone regardless of age, gender or socioeconomic background; and

**WHEREAS**, addressing climate change equitably requires transition from fossil fuels to emission-free, renewable energy that is ecologically sustainable for all people, especially those most impacted by climate change today and those who will be most impacted in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Ridgway Master Plan, adopted on June 12, 2019, contains ***POLICY ENV-4.2: Renewable Energy***, which states: "Encourage the use of carbon-free renewable energy systems within the Town and support the goal of carbon neutrality for Colorado. Support the inspiration and innovation of those who live, work, and visit Ridgway to create a low-carbon economy and lifestyle that improves the health, shared prosperity, and long-term security of our unique mountain community."; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 14, 2023 the Ridgway Town Council adopted the ***San Miguel and Ouray County Regional Climate Action Plan***, which has a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2030 and 90% by 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Colorado has created a roadmap to reach 100% renewable energy by 2040, and in 2019, passed HB19-1261, which sets a statewide goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030 and 90% by 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, carbon-free energy resources paired with energy storage, and microgrids, where feasible, are important strategies to build disaster resilience into our communities and will assist with disaster recovery; and ensuring equitable distribution of the benefits of these resources is imperative to adequately prepare for disasters, particularly those exacerbated by climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town desires to establish a goal for net-zero carbon emissions and to promote all electric, net zero energy use in residences around the Town of Ridgway.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO** the following:

1. The Town hereby commits to achieving net-zero carbon emissions for municipal operations by 2030; and
2. Housing projects that receive financial investment from the Town of Ridgway, including but not limited to tax and fee waivers, shall be all electric and shall not include natural gas service or any appliances or equipment which use natural gas; and
3. Housing projects that receive financial investment from the Town of Ridgway, including but not limited to tax and fee waivers, shall achieve net zero energy use, which is preferred to be achieved on-site to the extent economically practicable and may be achieved by enrolling in San Miguel Power Association’s Totally Green Program from 100% renewable sources.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO**

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John I. Clark, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Pam Kraft, Town Clerk

**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
<b>6</b>	Participate on the Sneffels Energy Board Energy Code Cohort by working with EcoAction Partners, Lotus Engineering & Sustainability and NORESKO 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
<b>9</b>	Evaluate and recommend options for instituting incentives/rebates for residential and commercial participation in local composting programs.	Joyce
<b>10</b>	Increase local organic/natural food production and consumption.	Joyce
<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



# Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

## January 27, 2025

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) members present were David Kehmeier, Sheridan Ribbing and Terry Schuyler. Dana Ivers and Dave Jones were absent. Joyce Huang joined the meeting at 5:27 p.m. Town Manager Preston Neill and Deputy Town Clerk Deb Overton were also present.

### 2. Review of adopted 2025 work plan items

Preston recapped the items that are on the SAB's work plan for 2025 that are memorialized in the Town's 2025 Strategic Plan.

### 3. Review and discussion re draft Resolution Reaffirming Ridgway's Commitment to Climate Action, Establishing a Goal for Net Zero Carbon Emissions, and Establishing an All Electric, Net Zero Energy Use Policy for Housing Projects with Financial Investment from the Town of Ridgway

The group discussed the draft resolution and what it would enact. The group discussed the definition of net zero and the importance of advancing the net zero roadmap goal as soon as possible once the net zero resolution/goal is formally established. Several revisions were suggested before Terry committed to reaching out to Chris Steinkamp, director of Mountain Towns 2030 to seek input on the resolution. The group agreed to review an updated draft at the next SAB meeting.

### 4. Discussion re other work plan items, including but not limited to, prioritization and schedule of various work plan items

The group broadly discussed the goals and who on the Board would be the point person assigned/responsible for each goal. The agenda items for the next meeting were pinpointed. The group expressed interest in reestablishing a recurring meeting date and time, for purposes of consistency.

### 5. Approval of minutes from the December 10, 2024, meeting

Terry made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2024 meeting. David seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously by members present.

### 6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 6:56 p.m.