

EPAC September Meeting

Thursday, October 24, 2024

Start Time: 4:00 pm

End: 5:40 pm

Civic Center Room 3109J, COMMERCE CITY, CO 80022

ATTENDEES

ABSENT

Alex VanZante	Aliyah Acevedo
Fabiola Contreras	Lucy Molina
Ronna Sanchez	Rebecca Perez
Elizabeth Tart	Olivia Quagliani
Renata Trisilawati	Scott Van Heusen
Laura Martinez (Virtual)	Susan Noble – Mayor Pro Tem
Derick Singleton (Virtual)	
Trudy Smith	
David Williams	
Kristi Douglas	
Darci Martinez	

GUEST/South Adams Water & Sanitation District

Tricia Williams
Joey Caruso

GUEST/WaterNow Alliance

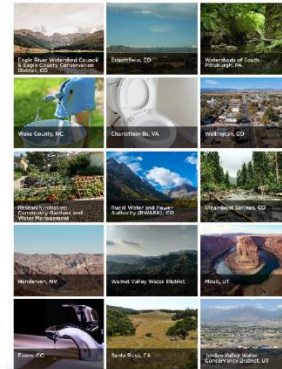
Victoria Arling
Kerry Miller
Will Sollish

- **Approval of September Meeting Minutes** - September Minutes approved by Trudy Smith, second by David Williams and Renata Trisilawati.
- **Water Now Alliance Presentation** – Non-Functional Turf replacement program for Commerce City residents. Water resources are more sustainable. Is there a law that HOA should not require residents to do specific things with their lawns.

Project Accelerator

- ✓ 250 hours of **pro bono technical assistance**
- ✓ Over a **6-12 month** period
- ✓ City/Agency identified project, driven by **local priorities**
- ✓ **Jump start** innovative water management initiatives

FEATURED PROJECTS

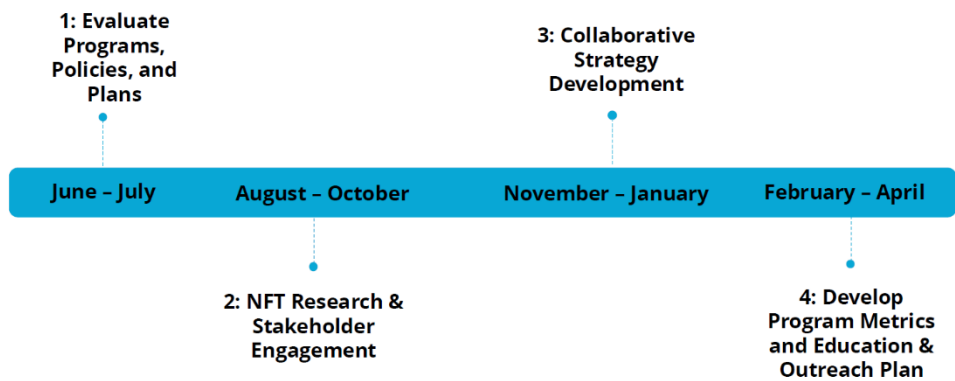


Project Overview & Goals

- Strengthen partnership and enhance collaboration
- Better align water demand-side management plans / programs
- Engage with residents, particularly those in disproportionately impacted areas of the community
- Strategize and develop a residential non-functional turf replacement incentive program



Project Scope & Timeline



Outdoor Water Demand Management & Non-Functional Turf Replacement

Why turf replacement?

- Almost **50%** of municipal water supplies is used outdoors, much of that is to water cool season turfgrass
- Investing in demand management is **cost-effective** and results in less water acquisition and lower infrastructure costs
- **One of several key strategies** for reducing outdoor water demand
- Water wise landscapes provide **multi-benefits**

David Willians, Derick Singleton, Darci Martinez, Kristi Douglas would like to motion to create a Sub Committee to present this program to City Council. Trudy Smith second the motion.

Ronna Sanchez asked about any other grants available to residents.

Laura Martinez - is the presentation in Spanish? Waternow Alliance is working on getting documents translated.

- **EPAC Budget** - \$9,000 to use in E3 Budget. Nice December Dinner and shirts. Promotional items. Name change? Anti-idling campaign signs, budget on a facilitator, Be out in the community conducting meetings, laptop, hotspot, prioritizing all the issues by needs. Creating a subcommittee for recycling.
- **Interview Panel for Sustainability Manager Position** – Libby notified them about including 1-2 people from EPAC group. Can they submit questions to ask the applicant? Libby also mentioned ACM Tolbert would be reaching out directly to EPAC to get the 1-2 names.
- **Updates, Upcoming Events**
Party October 30 to recognize people in Boards & Commission
- **Closing** – Next meeting Nov. 21, Bison Ridge