



# **Policy and Legislative Changes Related to Sustainability in Colorado**

## **Sustainable Neighborhood Retreat September , 2022**

# What CC4CA Does


- Policy Advocacy
  - Colorado General Assembly
  - State agencies & rulemaking commissions
  - Federal Congressional delegation
- Workshops & trainings
- Science & policy updates/briefings
- Other resources



# CC4CA Members

- Adams County
  - Aspen
  - Avon
  - Basalt
  - Boulder
  - Boulder County
  - Breckenridge
  - Broomfield
  - Carbondale
  - Clear Creek Cnty
  - Crested Butte
  - Dillon
  - Durango
  - Eagle County
  - Edgewater
  - Erie
  - Fort Collins
  - Frisco
  - Gilpin County
  - Glenwood Springs
  - Golden
  - Lafayette
  - Longmont
  - Louisville
  - Lyons
  - Mountain Village
  - Nederland
  - Northglenn
  - Ouray County
  - Pitkin County
  - Ridgway
  - Salida
  - San Miguel County
  - Snowmass Village
  - Summit County
  - Superior
  - Telluride
  - Vail
  - Wheat Ridge
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# Member Engagement

- 118 local officials testified in 32 regulatory hearings and sessions
  - 37 elected officials submitted written comments in regulatory proceedings
  - 33 local officials testified in 17 separate legislative hearings
  - 50 public officials in 12 meetings with state and federal lawmakers, and we have met with the governor's team many dozens of times
  - 240+ local officials joined letters to Colorado's federal delegation
  - 42 elected officials in published op-eds and LTEs
  - 65 of the people we supported were first-timers
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# 2022 Legislative Session

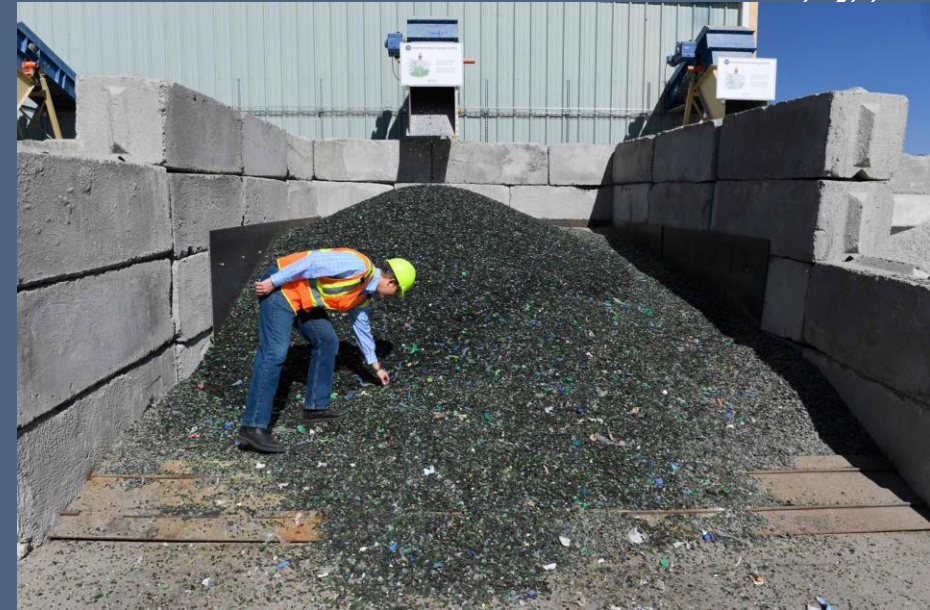
*CC4CA engaged on 29 Bills*

- Passed 6 of 8 high priority bills (solid waste, air toxics, air quality investments, energy code, free transit, disaster preparedness and recovery)
- Passed 12 additional bills (local gvt. wildfire/disaster funding, affordable housing and building efficiency, Colorado Resiliency Office, circular economy center, just transition funding, orphan well cleanup fund)
- Defeated all 5 bills we opposed
- Monitored 4 other bills



# 2022 Legislative Session – Highlights

- **Producer responsibility** – transform CO's recycling system
- **Air toxics** – improved attention to pollutants not directly regulated by Feds
- **Air quality investments** - \$47M for APCD, \$125M for EV & EE grants, \$7M for aerial pollution surveys, \$124M for transportation




# 2022 Legislative Session – Highlights

- **Energy code** – 2021 IECC, electric- & solar-ready, low energy & carbon code
- **Free transit during peak ozone season**
- **Disaster preparedness and recovery** – new Disaster Rebuilding Office



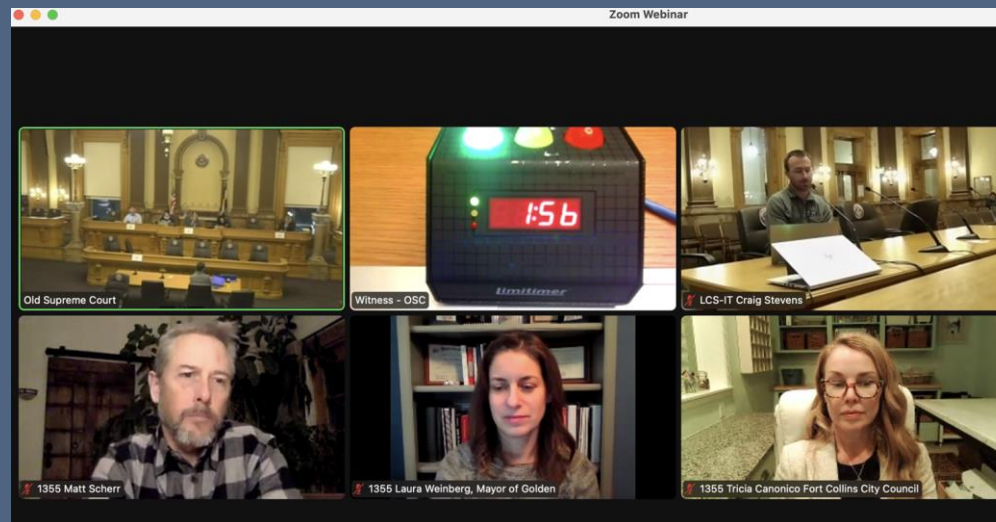
# Regulatory & Policy Advocacy: Recent Highlights

- Toughest-in-the-nation rules for finding and fixing oil & gas leaks
  - COGCC adopted substantially stronger orphan well rules
  - Limits on transportation GHG emissions
  - New transportation enterprise funds
  - Tri-State committed to 80% GHG reductions by 2030
  - Xcel must accelerate coal plant retirement (including Comanche 3 by 2031) and no new gas plants
  - Made federally enforceable 15 coal plant retirements by 2029
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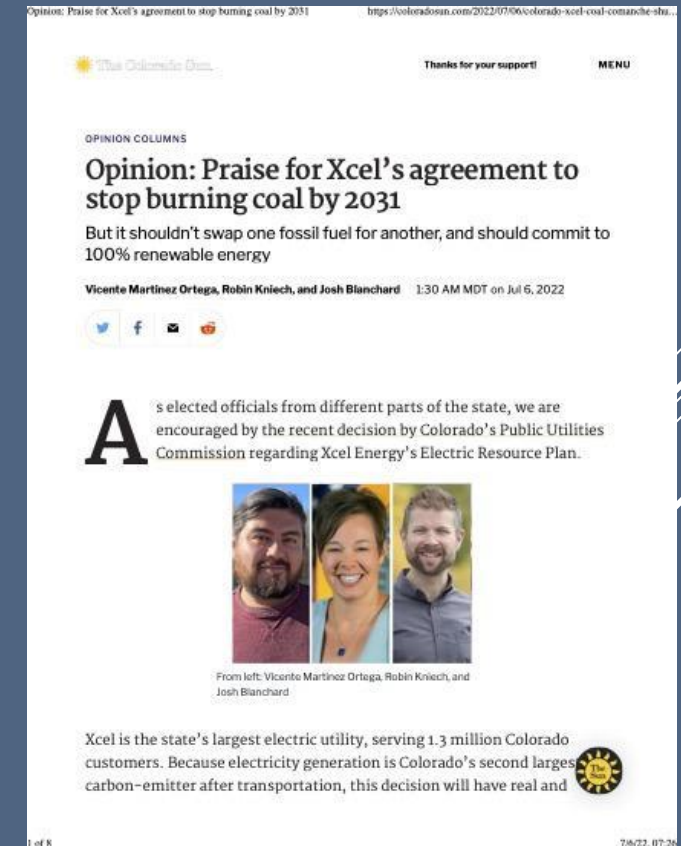
# How can you Engage to Influence Policy?

- Grass Roots vs Grass Tops
- Power of your voice and the power of a collective voice
- Stories of personal experience, and values
- Push legislators and regulators to do more
- Give “cover” to legislators who want to push sustainable policies

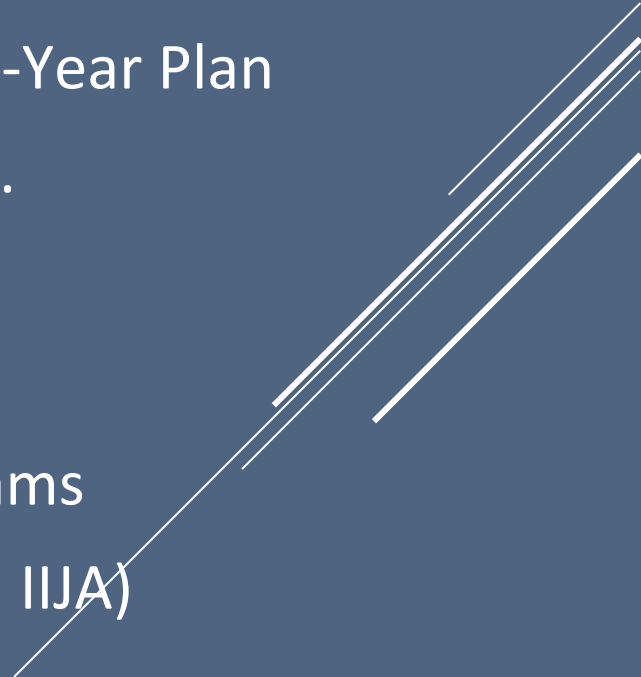


# Engagement Opportunities

- Legislative testimony
- Regulatory hearing testimony & public comment
- Written comments for regulatory hearings
- Outreach to & meeting with state and federal legislators
- Publish LTEs and guest editorials



# Looking Ahead

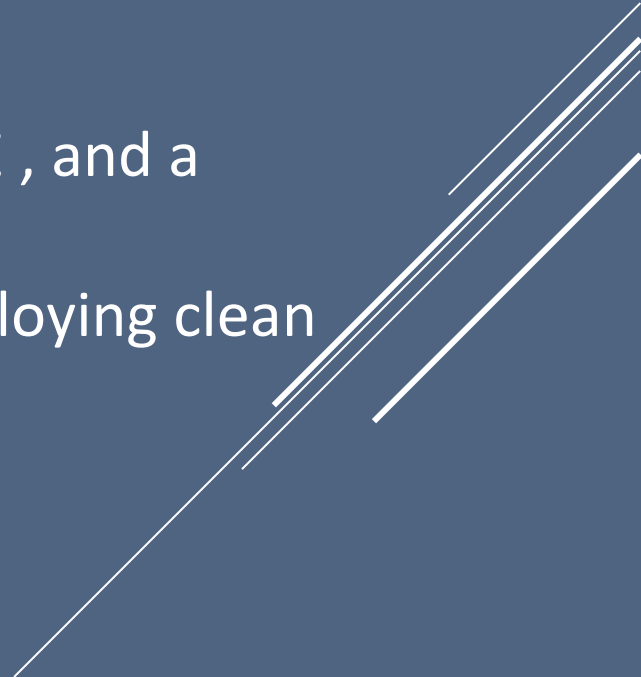
- Inflation Reduction Act | Bi-partisan Infrastructure Law | ARPA
  - Producer Responsibility Organization
  - Clean Trucks
  - Implementing the Transportation GHGs rule + CDOT Ten-Year Plan
  - AQCC – ozone, industrial rulemaking, benchmarking, etc.
  - Clean Heat Standard/Plan
  - Xcel ERP Phase II
  - Just Transition Office programs, EV infrastructure programs
  - Implementing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL, aka IIJA)
  - 2023 legislative session
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# Inflation Reduction Act

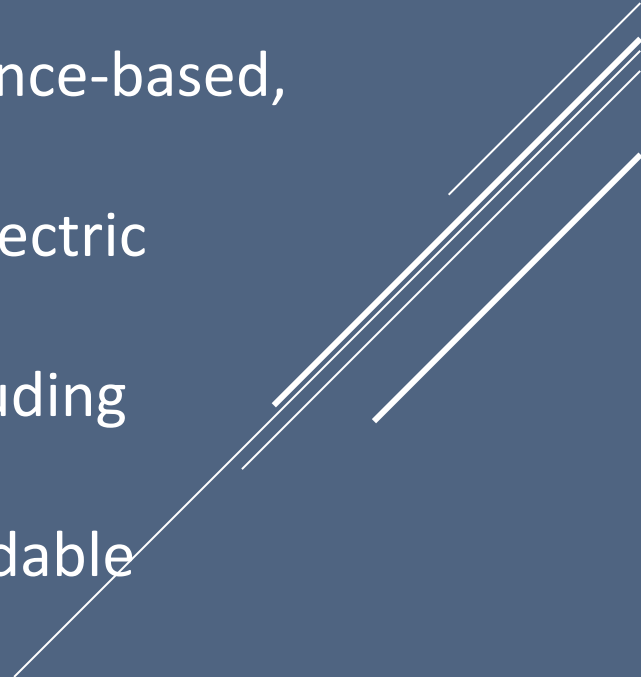
- \$437 Billion in Total Investments
  - \$369 Billion Energy Security and Climate Change Investments
  - \$64 Billion Affordable Care Act Extension
  - \$4 Billion Western Drought Resiliency
- Independent analyses estimate that the IRA will cut greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions some 40% by 2030, compared to a 2005 baseline
- Office of Management and Budget (OMB) analysis quantifies how IRA may cut the social costs of climate change by up to \$1.9 trillion by 2050.



# Inflation Reduction Act - Highlights

- Incentivize the deployment of clean energy
    - expansion of clean energy tax credits
      - Public and non-profit entities take advantage of this through direct pay provisions.
      - transfer tax credits for cash
    - \$250 billion expansion of financing authority of DOE , and a new \$27 billion Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund
      - GHGRF has \$7 billion for programs aimed at deploying clean energy like solar to DIC
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# Inflation Reduction Act - Highlights

- Lower energy bills and costs for efficiency upgrades
    - Provides incentives for electrification and electrification
      - heat pumps
      - rooftop solar
  - \$4.3 billion in formula grants for home energy performance-based, whole house rebates for ee retro-fits
  - \$4.5 billion in formula grants for high-efficiency home electric rebate programs
  - \$1 billion in grants for assistance on building codes, including adoption of a zero energy code.
  - \$1 billion in efficiency and resilience upgrades for affordable housing
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# Inflation Reduction Act - Highlights

- Advance clean air and clean transportation
  - Extends EV tax credits for new and used cars (goal of 52% EVs out of all new LDV sold in 2031)
  - \$1.9 billion for Neighborhood Access and Equity Grants
    - \$1.2 billion through the Federal Highway Administration specifically for DIC to improve community health, connectivity, walkability, and safety near major transportation corridors.
  - \$3 billion in environmental and climate justice block grants for community-led air pollution remediation initiatives. Funds may support the mitigation of health risks from urban heat islands, the reduction of indoor air pollution, and much more.

# Inflation Reduction Act - Resources

- CC4CA and Western Leaders network







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