



CC4CA Policy Statement

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Colorado Communities for Climate Action is a coalition of local governments advocating for stronger state and federal climate policy. CC4CA's policy positions reflect unanimous agreement among the coalition members on steps that should be taken at the state and federal level, often in partnership with local governments, to enable Colorado and its communities to lead in protecting the climate.

CC4CA supports policies, in alphabetical order, that:

Overarching Policy Positions

- 1. Climate Mitigation:** Reduce greenhouse gas emissions across all sectors to achieve or exceed the State of Colorado's adopted, codified goals.
- 2. Climate Resilience:** Proactively improve the resilience and adaptability of Colorado communities in the face of natural disasters and adverse climate change impacts to encourage conservation and protect air quality, water quality and quantity, ecosystem health, wildfire resilience, and quality of life.
- 3. Collective Impact and Local Authority:** Advance high levels of collaboration amongst public, private, Tribal, and academic institutions at all levels to meet climate goals, while prioritizing locally-driven and designed programs and processes.
- 4. Community-centered:** Advance equitable policies that ensure a livable climate and a just transition for all Coloradans, directly address systemic environmental harms based on race and socioeconomic status, and prioritize benefits and protections for Disproportionately Impacted communities.
- 5. Incentives and Investments:** Encourage investments that consider the triple bottom line and achieve climate-positive solutions, including regenerative solutions and partial or full divestment in fossil fuel extraction as part of public dollar investment strategies. Treat the environmental and health costs associated with the use of fossil fuels as an important priority in making and implementing climate-related policy, including discouraging the use of incentives for activities that increase emissions.
- 6. Just Transitions:** Support policies, strategies, and resourcing for programs that assist communities in the transition from fossil fuel-dominated economies.

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Clear Creek County · Crested Butte · Dillon · Durango · Eagle · Eagle County · Edgewater · Erie · Fort Collins · Frisco · Gilpin County
Glenwood Springs · Golden · Gunnison County · Lafayette · Lake County · Larimer County · Littleton · Longmont · Louisville · Lyons
Mountain Village · Nederland · Northglenn · Ouray County · Pitkin County · Ridgway · Routt County · Saguache County · Salida
San Miguel County · Snowmass Village · Summit County · Superior · Telluride · Vail · Westminster · Wheat Ridge · Winter Park

7. **Maintain and Improve Existing Protections:** Maintain protections and authorities currently provided under environmental laws and ensure that these laws are fully implemented and improved.
8. **Successful Climate Policy Development and Implementation:** Ensure local, state, and federal programs have adequate funding, staffing, workforce, data, and resources, with a priority on local government financial capacity, to advance climate-positive outcomes.

Sector Specific Policy Positions

9. **Building Decarbonization:** Provide cost-effective and equitable policies, strategies, and practices that enable beneficial electrification, accelerate energy efficiency and conservation in buildings, reduce building-related GHG emissions, promote affordability, and improve quality of life.
10. **Carbon-Free, Affordable, and Reliable Electricity:** Support the transition to a clean, reliable, and affordable energy system by expanding renewable generation and storage, retiring and discouraging new fossil fuel plants, investing in grid capacity and resilience, and reducing demand through energy efficiency.
11. **Circular Economy:** Secure high levels of circular economy activities at a diversity of scales like reuse, recycling, composting, and reducing the carbon intensiveness of materials and products.
12. **Emerging Technologies:** Secure appropriate guardrails on the development/use of alternative energy and emission mitigation technologies based on their life cycle greenhouse gas emissions impacts, environmental and social impacts, and cost.
13. **Fossil Fuels:** Eliminate emissions from and achieve comprehensive, high accuracy monitoring of fossil fuel extractive industry activities.
14. **Land Use:** Encourage adoption, funding, and implementation of statewide policies that enable and incentivize local governments to enact land use, zoning, and planning policies that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve resilience.
15. **Transportation:** Reduce emissions from the transportation sector and improve safety, air quality, and quality of life by supporting vehicle electrification, multimodal transportation, and mobility options and programs.
16. **Working Lands:** Encourage adoption and implementation of practices in the agriculture and forest sectors that durably reduce and/or sequester greenhouse gases, increase resilience, improve water conservation, support ecosystem health, and promote a sustainable, low-carbon agriculture and forestry economy in Colorado.