



Colorado Climate Project

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Climate Organization

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Our mission:

Spreading the word about
what climate disruption
can do to us here and
what we can do about it.

RMCO's 31 partner organizations:

City and County of Denver

City of Fort Collins

City of Boulder

City of Aspen

Summit County

Town of Breckenridge

Town of Dillon

Town of Frisco

RMCO partners, continued:

Town of Silverthorne

Town of Telluride

Denver Water

Aspen Skiing Company

Boulder Community Hospital

Colorado Association of Ski Towns

Colorado Conservation Trust

Colorado Mountain Club

RMCO partners, continued:

Continuum Partners

Domani, LLC

Intrawest Colorado

National Wildlife Federation

The Nature Conservancy of Colorado

Rocky Mountain Farmers Union

New Belgium Brewing Company

Qwest

RMCO partners, continued:

RBI Strategy & Research

Roche Colorado

Vail Resorts

Western Resource Advocates

Westcliffe Publishers

Wild Oats Natural Marketplace

Wright Water Engineers



Our message:

This is a special place to live, work, and play.
Let's keep it that way.

Colorado Climate Project mission

The Colorado Climate Project:

The goal: Reduce Colorado's contribution and vulnerability to climate change.

What we do here matters. Compared to the world's 212 nations, Colorado emits more carbon dioxide from fossil fuels than 174 nations do.

Plus we have a lot at stake.

Colorado Climate Project method

Bring key public and private leaders together to identify actions to reduce heat-trapping pollution and to prepare for the changes that are coming.

Get the agenda implemented!

Colorado Climate Project method

We will follow the model established by state governments across the country.

Including in the interior West: Arizona, New Mexico, Montana.

Ours will be first statewide effort not done by state government.

Colorado Climate Project sponsors

Principal sponsors:

- Rockefeller Brothers Fund
- Denver Water
- Pat Stryker

Sponsors:

- Rockefeller Family Fund
- City of Aspen

Project Directors

Role of project directors:

- Appoint a blue-ribbon panel to develop agenda
- Receive and approve panel report on behalf of RMCO
- Key public spokesmen

Project Directors

John Hickenlooper, mayor of Denver

Steve Burkholder, mayor of Lakewood

Doug Hutchinson, mayor of Fort Collins

Tom Long, county commissioner, Summit
County

Project Directors, continued

Matt Baker, director, Environment Colorado

Gary Hart, professor, CU-Denver

Gail Klapper, director, Colorado Forum

Pat Vincent, president, Public Service Co. of
Colorado (Xcel)

Al Yates, former president, CSU

Blue-Ribbon Climate Action Panel

Co-Chairs of Panel:

Joe Broz, vice president, Midwest Research
Institute (NREL)

Eric Kuhn, manager, Colorado River Water
Conservation District

Jim Martin, executive director, Western
Resource Advocates

Dan McClendan, manager, Delta-Montrose
Electric Association

Blue-Ribbon Climate Action Panel

25-35 members.

Open, public process.

Meetings over 12 months.

Emissions inventory and forecast.

Build on existing & proposed steps.

Cost-benefit analysis and technical support
from Center for Climate Strategies.

Blue-Ribbon Climate Action Panel

Policy Working Groups:

- Cross-cutting issues
- Energy supply
- Commercial, industrial, residential
- Transportation and land use
- Agriculture and forestry

Climate Action Agenda

Likely producing recommendations for:

- State government
- Local governments
- Water providers
- Private sector

Climate Action Agenda

Arizona Climate Panel:

- Inventory: 2005 emissions were 56% higher than 1990.
- Projection (business as usual): 148% increase in emissions by 2020.

Climate Action Agenda

Arizona Climate Panel, continued:

- Recommended goals: Return to 2000 levels by 2020, 50% below 2000 levels by 2050.
- 49 recommended actions to reach 2020 goals. (45 were unanimous.)
- Projected savings of \$5.5 billion!

“If not us, who?
If not now, when?”

Ronald Reagan (1985)

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