

## Cannabis Sustainability Work Group

### Meeting Minutes

May 24th, 2018 1:30 - 3:00 PM

Attendees: Nick Hice, Shawna McGregor, Ben Gelt, Ambra Sutherlin, Jeremy Lauffenburger, Janet Burgesser, Thuy Vu, Damien Markiewicz, Jake Mitchell, Josh Malman, Marc Ross, Kim Stuck, Jacob Policzer, Kaitlin Urso, Kirk Whitehead, Matt Gettleman, Andrew Livingston, Derek Smith

1. Introductions
2. Colorado MED will be updating rules and regs around waste disposal and packaging. Opportunities upcoming this summer to provide input for new, more common sense, regs.
  - a. CGD and CAFR provided brief comments already to Denver Excise and License team (Netia Ingram) relating to:
    - i. Eliminating exit packaging requirements – duplicative and unnecessary
    - ii. Eliminating or rewriting “rendering unusable and unrecognizable” to ease the burden on cultivators. Also eliminate having to mix wastes.
  - b. New guidelines can incorporate new Colorado bill helping to improve recycling for the cannabis industry.
3. Update from BMP Committee
  - a. Last call for Case Study ideas – contact Jeremy L if you have a good example of water/waste/IPM improvements.
  - b. Case Studies: several good examples in the works including; living soil, water recapture, lighting changes, watering practices and general greenhouse growing.
    - i. Want to have content drafted within the next month.
    - ii. Case studies need to demonstrate a good before and after scenario, will be about a half page each with graphics/charts
  - c. New modules – getting drafted now:
    - i. air quality
    - ii. greenhouse (but will probably just be case study)
    - iii. carbon foot-printing
    - iv. IPM
4. Update from Symposium / Events Committee
  - a. Date Set!
    - i. Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Hyatt Regency

Happy Hours: August 9th at Vine Street Pub, Sept. 19th at the Alliance Center.

  - b. Now is the big push for:
    - i. Speakers and Topics – Need help identifying individual speakers and well as panel topics
    - ii. Sponsors!! Reach out to our networks
      1. Aiming for \$50k this year.

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2. From Shawna – sponsors last year didn't quite see the value of sponsorship even though the event/info itself was of value
      3. How can we make the event more valuable to sponsors?
      4. Also needing sponsors for both happy hour events leading up to the symposium.
    - iii. Coordination for marketing materials and plans
      1. Ben will be in touch for help getting marketing materials and logos organized
  - c. Bagel Breakfast workshop
    - i. Ben will find a date in late June/early July and book it
    - ii. Topic / speaker TBD
5. Energy Study Pilot - Damien with Cultivate EO
  - a. All 5 pilot grows have been identified and signed on
  - b. Data logging at 3 locations
  - c. Mix of large and small operators
  - d. Will continue as long as possible (several months)
6. Update from Kaitlin Urso – air permitting for MIPs as well as disposal of liquid flammable hazardous waste
  - a. Working with cultivators to determine levels of solvent capture in extraction processes
    - i. May necessitate MIPs to get an air permit through the state
    - ii. Need to show how much solvent is used/lost/evaporated during extraction
  - b. Haz Waste – currently no facility in CO able to take liquid flammable haz waste, and NE is turning away disposal trucks
  - c. More to come – Kaitlin and CDPHE working to find solutions for the industry to help manage wastes appropriately

Wrap up: next meeting scheduled for June 26 at 1:30 PM. Same location