



GreenCO 2019 Legislative Priorities

Water

- Support funding and innovation of Colorado water needs to include conservation, water infrastructure, reuse, and storage. Make water funding a major priority in Colorado.
- Support sustainable water conservation principles for both indoor and outdoor use to include industry Best Management Practices (BMPs).
- GreenCO's BMPs are supported by the state as the standard for outdoor water yet some cities are enacting water usage policy that is not consistent with BMP's. Utilize both state and local water policy contacts to help ensure BMP utilization.
- Continue work on state water plan to ensure GreenCO principles are included for conservation, land use planning and possible regulatory legislation, and educate legislators and local water planners.
- Monitor water policy concerning the growth and development of the hemp industry in Colorado.
- Continue to educate legislators, departments, and industry businesses to be with the details of the 3% usage water study.

Pesticide Regulatory Legislation

- Oppose any measure to allow for local control when applying pesticides.
- Oppose non-research based arbitrary bans on pesticides.
- Closely monitor and oppose any effort to expand pesticide regulatory burden.

Construction Legislation

- Support legislation that provides and builds upon 2017 legislation providing more liability protection for construction contractors and sub-contractors in multi-family projects.
- Support efforts to find policy solutions to construction retainage issues with public agencies and project sign off standards.

Investment in Colorado Businesses

- Support legislation that is offered by the uniform sales tax task force that meet GreenCO goals for uniformity and efficiency.
- Support the creation of tax credit/incentive for BPPT for small businesses to phase out or eliminate the fiscal impact of this regressive tax on Business.

GreenCO Member Associations

ASLA Colorado • Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado • Colorado Nursery & Greenhouse Association • Colorado Arborists and Lawn Care Professionals • Garden Centers of Colorado • International Society of Arboriculture, Rocky Mountain Chapter • Rocky Mountain Sod Growers Association

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- Oppose any expansion of regulation of back flow devices without such effort improving the overall use and installation of such devices to meet GreenCO policy objectives.
- Monitor bills that are going to modify FMLA, work comp., and employer mandates. We will need to work within the coalition to either oppose or amend these bills where issues may arise that aren't in the best interest of GreenCO.
- Monitor any legislation that would look to restrict growth in the State.

Investment in Colorado Infrastructure

- Support increased investment in Colorado's infrastructure; state and educational buildings, roads and bridges and water projects. Fiscal investment at higher levels will help create jobs, stimulate the economy statewide and save the state millions of dollars in future replacement costs.

Transportation

- Support legislation or referred measure to voters that utilizes existing revenues and/or creates new revenue source/s to fund the construction, maintenance and safety of our highways and bridges in Colorado.
- Monitor the development of COP's for funding highway projects in Colorado consistent with SB17-267. Since both transportation ballot measures failed this past November, SB18-001 has a ballot measure that will be voted on in 2019. There will most likely be a bill that revises both these bills to deal with HUTF Funding.

Uniform Sales & Use Tax Definitions

- Support the adoption of a uniform set of definitions throw-out Colorado as it relates to sales and use tax.
- Support task force recommendations that meet GreenCO policy objectives.
- Support continued legislative efforts that creates a system that would allow companies to remit sales and use taxes for cities, counties and jurisdictions in one place.
- Monitor all legislation related to sales and use tax in 2019 that will ease the burden and uncertainty on small business to comply with State and Local laws.

Education

- Fund vocational and adult education programs for the skilled trades and technical career paths that are drastically understaffed in Colorado's workforce.
- Support tax credits for employers who hire workforce from K-12 students, returning military or those unemployed or under employed, and provide technical and/or skills training for such hires.