



## **GreenCO 2022 Legislative Priorities**

### **Water**

- Continue to work with state/local agencies on the Colorado Water Plan to ensure conservation, land use planning and sound regulatory development based on science and technology.
- Support legislation that will help fund the Colorado Water Plan.
- Work to educate legislator, state agencies and local officials on GreenCO BMP's.
- Work with state agencies and the General Assembly on the current drought conditions in Colorado
  - Work to build a coalition of businesses and like organizations on drought and water issues.
  - Educate and be a resource for legislators, state agencies and local officials on ways to combat drought conditions.
    - Meet with chairs of Agriculture Committees to discuss how we can partner with them.

### **Infrastructure Funding**

- The General Assembly finally passed a long-term funding source for transportation and infrastructure (SB21-260), and Colorado has also received Federal infrastructure funding as well, which will be allocated this session.
  - Closely monitor the State Budget as the federal money is allocated, especially as it pertains to water infrastructure.

### **Pesticide Regulation**

- It is anticipated that there will be pesticide bills introduced this year.
  - 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.
  - Continue to educate the General Assembly on pesticides.

### **Industry Regulations and Business Practices**

- Support efforts for better liability protections for contractors.
- Work with business coalition on any arbitration legislation that is brought in the 2022 session.
- Continue to closely monitor and stay engaged as FAML is being implemented.
- Monitor minimum wage and wage protection issues before the legislature.
- Support job development legislation that creates opportunity to find and hire necessary workforce in Colorado.
- Work with business coalition to address any proposed anti-growth legislation.
- Closely monitor any legislation looking to cut tax expenditures for businesses.

#### **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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- Closely monitor any legislation pertaining to Worker's Compensation.
- Work with business coalitions to protect employers from additional mandates.

### **Sales & Use Tax**

- Monitor all legislation related to sales and use tax, including the interim bills from the Sales & use Tax Simplification Task Force.
- Continue to support the Sales & Use Tax Simplification Task Force.
- Continue to support development of uniform set of definitions for sales and use tax.

### **Education**

- In 2021 there was legislation passed for funding vocational and adult education programs and it is anticipated that we will see similar legislation this year.
- Support funding of 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.