

MINUTES

PUEBLO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

FEBRUARY 27, 2020

A meeting of the Pueblo Area Council of Governments was held on Thursday, February 27, 2020, at the Pueblo County Department of Emergency Management, 101 West 10th Street, 1st Floor Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Chris Wiseman, PACOG Chairman, at 12:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Those members present were:

Ray Aguilera

Mark Aliff

Larry Atencio

Staphanie Cordova-Catalano

Dennis Flores

Garrison Ortiz

Doug Proal

Bob Schilling

Chris Wiseman

Those members absent were:

Ed Brown

Mike Cafasso

Barbara Clementi

Greg Collins

Terry Hart

Ted Lopez

Lori Winner

Also present were:

John Adams

Sabina Genesio

Nick Gradisar

Carmen Howard

Dan Kogovsek

Louella Salazar

Kallene West

TOWN OF BOONE

Mr. Dan Kogovsek, PACOG Attorney, stated the Town of Boone has indicated they no longer want to participate as a member. He stated PACOG previously amended the bylaws to allow the Town of Boone to be a member. He asked PACOG if the bylaws should be amended to exclude them or should the bylaws stand, as is, hoping that they might return. Chairman Wiseman felt the bylaws should be left alone until they return. Mr. Aguilera asked if there were financial reasons. Mr. Proal felt it wasn't financial because they only pay \$370/year. Ms. Salazar stated Ms. Crystal Breckenridge, the Town of Boone's representative on PACOG, indicated they were unaware that there were membership dues associated with being on PACOG. They were sent a second notice requesting payment, and this is when they became aware of the dues. Mr. Aguilera stated he would like to leave Boone on as members because they are a small community, and they might at some time need our help. Chairman Wiseman stated the leadership could also change to the point where they could become more involved. Mr. Flores asked if PACOG could wait on this matter. Mr. Schilling felt the fee should be waived. After discussion, Mr. Kogovsek stated he would leave the bylaws unchanged at this time.

Ms. Salazar stated the 2020 PACOG budget resolution, which was approved on December 5, 2019, shows \$370 in revenue for the Town of Boone's membership dues. She asked if the 2020 PACOG budget would need to be amended. Mr. Kogovsek felt this could wait too, but at some point, the budget will have to be amended.

Mr. Aguilera asked Ms. Salazar if she could call and ask the Town of Boone what type of direction they want to go and what they would like to do. Ms. Salazar stated she would contact them.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Ms. Carmen Howard, PACOG Manager, reported there were three items listed on the agenda under the Consent Items. She summarized the Consent Items for PACOG.

Chairman Wiseman asked if there were any other additions or amendments to the Consent Items or if any of the members or audience would like an item removed or discussed that was on the Consent agenda. There were no other additions or amendments.

It was moved by Mark Aliff, seconded by Ray Aguilera, and passed unanimously to approve the three Consent Items listed below:

- Minutes of January 23, 2020 Meeting;
- A Resolution Approving the FY 2020 Pueblo Area Council of Governments' Delegation Agreement for Regional Land Use Planning and Administration, and Authorizing the Chairperson of PACOG to Execute Same; and
- A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Federal Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program to Increase Funding in the Amount of \$125,000 for Work Element 2045B, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update.

REGULAR ITEMS:

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

(A) Lunch Appreciation

Chairman Wiseman thanked Colorado City Metropolitan District for providing lunch for today's meeting.

(B) Introduction of New Member

Chairman Wiseman stated Ms. Lori Winner from City Council is not in attendance today. He stated he would get her to introduce herself at the first meeting she attends.

(C) Thank You to Mr. Flores

Chairman Wiseman thanked Mr. Flores for his service as the 2019 PACOG chair.

MANAGER'S REPORT

(A) EPAC Minutes/Statement Report

Ms. Carmen Howard, PACOG Manager, reported the minutes from the February 6, 2020 Environmental Policy Advisory Committee meeting were mailed in the members' packets.

This being an information item, no formal action was required.

(B) ADA Advisory Committee Minutes

Ms. Howard reported the minutes from the January 2, 2020 ADA Advisory Committee meeting were mailed in the members' packets.

This being an information item, no formal action was required.

(C) Comprehensive Plan Update

Ms. Howard stated she will be presenting PACOG with regular updates on the Comprehensive Plan. County staff has started meeting with City staff. They are working on where they are going to get the money to pay for the consultant and putting together the Request for Qualifications. Another meeting is scheduled in mid-March. The next thing, which will be done, is getting the larger planning group together (i.e., the Core Management Team).

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) FOR FUNDING PARTICIPATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRANSIT PUBLIC AGENCY TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PLAN AS PART OF THE FY2020 WORK PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000)

Mr. John Adams, MPO Manager, reported in July 2019 the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) came out with the final rules for performance measures and the Transit Public Agency is responsible for developing the safety plan. The Urban Transportation Planning Division (UTPD) has extra funds that were received from the FTA on a yearly basis, which could be used for developing the safety plan. With approval, UTPD staff will go out with an RFQ. He noted the scope of work was included in their packet material.

It was moved by Bob Schilling seconded by Ray Aguilera, and passed unanimously to approve "A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Funding Participation in the Development of the Transit Public Agency Transportation Safety Plan as Part of the FY2020 Work Program in the Amount Not to Exceed Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000)".

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PUEBLO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS' (PACOG) 2019 WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mr. Doug Schwenke, JDS-Hydro Consultants, Inc., reported PACOG received a presentation at its last two meetings on the 2019 Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP). He stated this is a revision to an existing WQMP. He asked if there were any questions.

It was moved by Bob Schilling, seconded by Ray Aguilera, and passed unanimously to approve "A Resolution Approving the Pueblo Area Council of Governments' (PACOG) 2019 Water Quality Management Plan".

Mr. Schwenke stated the 2019 WQMP will go before the State Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) in August 2020. Mr. Kogovsek requested that as part of the packet to the State WQCC that the public notice be included. Mr. Schwenke agreed to do this. Ms. Salazar stated she would send Mr. Schwenke a copy of the public notice.

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT AND WASTE DIVERSION UPDATE

Ms. Becky Cortese, member of the Environmental Policy Advisory Committee and the Materials Management Subcommittee of the County Sustainability Department, reported a presentation was made to PACOG approximately one year ago on the state of recycling. She stated they have spent the last year discussing and tackling the different changes and coming up with ideas on changing the mindset we have in Pueblo to improve material management and waste diversion. She stated the Materials Management members that have contributed are Karen Gale, Don Bruestle, and Ted Lopez, as well as Jenna Seddon, the new Environmental Coordinator from the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment.

Ms. Cortese stated there have been dramatic changes in recycling over the last couple of years. China has always been the biggest buyer of United States' recyclable commodities, which are mostly paper, plastics, and metals. In January 2018, China implemented a policy called the National Sword. China no longer wanted the United States' trash and would no longer take 24 types of solid waste, including plastics and unsorted mixed paper. They also set contamination rates for what they would accept to less than 1%, which is incredibly difficult to meet in order to send those things to China, especially in the single stream process that America has come to use because it is convenient for recyclables. She stated what this means for recycling in the United States is that companies that are recycling are no longer getting rebates which they received before. In fact, they are paying 3-5 times the cost to landfills to recycle those materials. Those costs prohibit commodities or remove from recycled pick-ups. In her own experience as an owner of a trash company, they are no longer able to take plastics anymore because there is no place to take them. Processing facilities are closing their doors. The drop-off facility on Pueblo's Southside has closed. There are stockpiles of recyclables going to the landfill. Companies are hoping that the price of recyclables will return, but that has not happened, so they run out of room and must take the recyclables to the landfill. Recycling and materials management must be reinvented and retooled. She stated, in many ways, recycling is a license to waste. We need to change our mindset on how we think about recyclables and how we purchase them. The United States needs to get back to being wise about what they buy and how it is being used.

Ms. Cortese stated the adage of Reduce-Reuse-Recycle is still valid, but over the years we have skipped over the first two steps and immediately gone to the last step, which is recycle. We want to concentrate on reduction. We must start sending the message to our community to reduce what you are using. Stop buying single use plastics. If you do have plastics, you need to learn to reuse them. The last step is recycling. We need to focus on those things we have local outlets for. What is currently in Pueblo and the surrounding areas are metal, cardboard, and paper outlets for recycling.

Ms. Cortese stated there are ways to promote reduction. Some examples include: (1) buying wise, (2) paying attention to how the products you buy are packaged, (3) looking for bulk buying, (4) getting rid of plastic straws, (5) instead of buying foods that are cut up and already processed, buy whole or organic, (6) taking your own bags to the store, and (7) bringing your own containers. We can incentivize local businesses that are environmentally friendly. She stated the City Council recently passed a resolution to encourage businesses to stop using plastics and styrofoam. She stated we should start doing something for those businesses who are compliant, noting there should be a recognition program for them. This could be done through the media, with an award, or something else.

Ms. Cortese stated there are many ways things can be reused. There are several websites, workshops, and sponsor repurposing competitions, which are available to show you how to reuse. It would be easy to place on City, County, and Health Department websites the different ways to reuse items. Repurposing workshops could also be hosted by these same entities. Competitions could be sponsored with respect to repurposing. The Pueblo Art Alliance, New Pueblo Makers Group, and the Arts Center could be included. Common household things could be used to make beautiful art projects around the community.

Ms. Cortese stated we must recycle those cost-effective commodities and teach people what they need to save and recycle. There are outlets available in Pueblo. Cardboard can be bound and brokered out of Pueblo. Paper can also be brokered out of Pueblo. It is baled and sent to mills. There are fantastic local metal recycling businesses (e.g., EVRAZ, Dionisio Metal and Iron, American Iron and Metal). Clean newspaper can be taken to the Penrose company, Applegate, which is an insulation company that uses clean newspaper.

Ms. Cortese stated there are benefits. The benefits include: (1) having a cleaner community, (2) cost savings (less spent on single use items, additional funds for other things), (3) extension of the landfill life (reduction of solid waste in landfill), and (4) a healthier community (leaving a smaller footprint, creating cleaner air and waterways).

Ms. Cortese stated they received quotes from the media. Conventional media includes radio and TV, noting the cost for a good campaign ranges from \$60,000-\$120,000 per year. The visual/social media is less expensive, noting a competitive budget is \$3,400 per year and a dominant budget is \$5,300 per year. She stated campaigns can be effective (e.g., the campaign to stop children from smoking, the campaign to vaccinate children). In 2018 in Australia, an educational campaign was done to reduce waste in the marine environment. They found an investment in the campaign reduced the waste more than the policy did. There was a reduction in waste along the coastlines. DC Public Works has a recycling education campaign and were able to reduce their contamination from 27% to 19% in one year. These types of campaigns have worked and have been cost effective in other areas.

Ms. Cortese stated there have been legislative policies introduced this year at the State level. Senate Bill 20-055 would incentivize development of recycling markets. There must be someone to use the stuff in the end. They strongly recommend PACOG's support of that policy. House Bill 20-1047 would develop a Statewide organics management plan. Senate Bill 20-010 is a repeal ban on local government regulations of plastics. There is a current policy Statewide that says local communities cannot ban any type of plastics. Local communities cannot tell your businesses you can't use this, noting they want to move away from this so you can do this in the future. Senate Bill 20-058 would facilitate an asphalt shingle recycling program. House Bill 20-2263 pertains to the management of single use products. House Bill 20-2262 would prohibit

food establishments' use of polystyrene. The last two bills would prohibit the use of single use products such as styrofoam, plastic bags, plastic take-out containers, plastic utensils, etc. by restaurants.

Ms. Cortese stated the recommendations from the Materials Management Subcommittee are to fund a public education campaign to reduce the single use plastics, reuse items in innovative ways, and promote recycling of paper, cardboard, and metal.

Mr. Flores stated what he heard her say is there is no place to put plastics anymore. There are businesses charging to pick-up plastic bottles and other plastics. He asked, at the current time, if these are going out to the landfill. Ms. Cortese replied oftentimes yes, depending on contamination rates. Part of the problem is that there is a very long stream of different organizations that recycling goes through until it reaches its final destination, noting most people don't ever see this. Oftentimes, we pick up something here and take it to a drop-off location, it goes through a sorting facility, and from there we are not sure where it goes. At any point in time, it can be thrown out for contamination or for being dirty. The problem in the United States is our single stream program is extremely contaminated, and we can't reach those levels to send it to be recycled because people are not careful about what they throw in the recycle bin. She stated she believes in the future that single stream will become a thing of the past.

Mr. Aguilera felt anytime you see anybody who is going over and above and trying to make recycling better that the subcommittee can identify them and call the City Mayor's office and talk to either Deb Hill or Laura Solano. A recognition plaque could be presented at a City Council meeting. Ms. Cortese replied this is a great way to incentivize.

Ms. Cordova-Catalano stated she saw a lot of things that are negative and asked if there are solutions to the problems, especially with single use products. Ms. Cortese stated the Health Department has started using recyclable cups and pitchers at their meetings. They are not using plastics or throwaway plates. In the school districts, plastic trays are reused and washed. Metals forks and spoons are reused and washed. Ms. Salazar stated PACOG has, in the past, conducted PACOG meetings at the Health Department and regular plates, forks, spoons, and cups were used and washed in their dishwasher.

Mr. Atencio stated the City Council has a resolution which encourages people not to use single use products at restaurants. He stated a list of distributors could be established that distribute compostable utensils. This way the industries' restaurants and food service establishments would know where to buy compostable items. Ms. Cortese stated it does take work and thought, and this is why we have to change people's mindsets. Mr. Atencio stated we need to let them know where to buy those things. It is a lot easier for a restaurant to use a plastic or styrofoam container if they don't know where to get a compostable one. He stated there are a couple of restaurants in town using compostable takeaway containers.

Mr. Atencio stated Senate Bill 20-010 is a bill we all should support because the current legislation does not allow cities to write their own regulations in terms of single use plastics. If the City should decide it wants to ban or do something about single use plastics, they could do this. Senate Bill 20-2262 prohibits stores and retail food establishments after July 1, 2021 from providing single use plastics for carry-out, single use plastic straws, polystyrene, etc. It would also place a 10¢ fee on paper bags at grocery stores, noting this important.

Mr. Aguilera asked what the most used plastic is (i.e., plastic bags at the grocery store)? Ms. Cortese replied cups and water bottles are the most prevalent.

Ms. Cortese encouraged the PACOG members to go back to their organizations and meet with them about getting this message across. Chairman Wiseman asked if the group was requesting funding. Ms. Cortese replied, ultimately, they would like the City and County to work together to find a marketing campaign to get this message out to our community.

Mr. Ortiz added the City and County are working together with the Trash Task Force. The aim of the Task Force is solely on illegal dumping. They have looked at also providing more opportunities regarding recycling and disposal of other items. He asked Ms. Cortese to present this report at the next Task Force meeting. Ms. Cortese replied she would be happy to do this.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER/CDOT REGION 2 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was no report from Mr. Bill Thiebaut, Region 10 Transportation Commissioner.

Ms. Karen Rowe, CDOT Region 2 Director, reported that U.S. 50 and Purcell is under advertisement for the interchange. The advertisement is open until March 12th. There was a fatality in the area yesterday and the accident shut down the highway for a while. When the bids open, it will probably be a two-year project, so there will be construction. Once the grade separation goes in, the safety should be much better at the intersection.

Ms. Rowe stated CDOT had a public meeting on constructing passing lanes on Highway 50 between Fowler and Manzanola (i.e., concrete paving). CDOT will be shutting down U.S. 50 for eight months in the area starting March 16th to the end of October. If you go in this direction, once you hit Fowler you will need to go north on 167. The official detour is along 96 and down 71 if you are in a truck. If you are in a car you can go down 209 to Manzanola. It will be around a 10 to 15-minute delay.

Ms. Rowe stated the Transportation Commission in January approved \$4 million for Innovative Mobility. They also approved \$1.2 million for Bustang expansion, noting the expansion would occur on the Western Slope in Grand Junction. Funding was also approved for winter operations (snow removal). There was discussion on the Regional Priority Program (RPP) formula, with respect to what they wanted to use the money for. The FASTER safety formula did change. Region 2 would be getting less money for FASTER safety. This won't happen until FY 2023. Previously, FASTER safety funding was based on all the accidents in a particular region versus the ones on the State highway system. The good news is that Region 2 has done much better in reducing fatalities on the State highway system, but the bad news is because of that we will probably get less money in the future. There are still FASTER funds which can be implemented in the Region. In 2018, there were 90 fatalities on our State highway system, and in 2019 there were 57.

Ms. Rowe stated the bids open today on Highway 10 for repaving. There will be repaving on U.S. 50 east of the Royal Gorge area towards Highway 69. Highway 69 north of Westcliffe will also be paved this year.

Mr. Flores asked regarding the status of Interstate 25th between 13th Street and Belmont bridge. Obviously, there wasn't enough money to submit a request for City Center to 13th Street. Ms. Rowe responded CDOT will be making a presentation in March to PACOG on the New Pueblo

Freeway, which will include this project. Pre-construction money has been allocated from Senate Bill 267 funds to get going on the interchange between U.S. 50 and I-25. Two bridges will need to be replaced--one over the railroad and the other over Fountain Creek. The bridge over Fountain Creek is in poor condition, so it is eligible for Bridge Enterprise funding. When the interchange gets rebuilt, it will have a different alignment both horizontally and vertically. A consultant is on board and they are starting to look at alignment. She stated she wasn't sure how far it was going to go in each direction on I-25, but the Highway 50 interchange will shift to the north and then connect to I-25. Portions of I-25 will need to be reconstructed along that section. There is \$60 million in Senate Bill 267 money in Year 4. There is also \$30 million in Bridge Enterprise funds, which still leaves them \$30 million short. In the Pueblo Region's 5-10 Plan, there is \$28 million. The State Legislators would need to add more money. She noted this is PACOG's number one priority to finish the funding for this project. She noted this project isn't very competitive with Federal grants which are coming out, but as CDOT moves forward with design and looking at things, they will be looking at opportunities to complete this project. It is an approximately \$120 million project. If they are successful in getting all the funding, it should be started within 4-5 years. Mr. Atencio asked if she was talking about the bridges on U.S. 50 over Fountain Creek. Ms. Rowe replied yes. Mr. Flores asked for a timetable regarding the construction on I-25 between City Center and 13th Street. Ms. Rowe responded the presentation in March before PACOG will provide a few details on this. The project is between \$200 and \$230 million and it is very hard to phase. At the current time, the bridges are eligible for Bridge Enterprise funds, and there are insufficient funds available to do it. She stated it will be a split diamond and it is hard to phase. Mr. Flores asked if this would include replacing the 8th Street Bridge. Ms. Rowe replied no, since this is not a State highway.

STATE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STAC) UPDATE

Mr. John Adams, MPO Manager, reported STAC met, noting he did not attend, but the one item of interest to PACOG is the 10-year pipeline of development projects. The other items of interest are congestion management and air quality, noting Pueblo is not affected by this because it is in attainment.

STATUS ON SOUTHWEST CHIEF PASSENGER RAIL

Mr. Adams reported the Front Range Transportation Commission meets tomorrow in Denver. On April 24th, the Commission will be in Pueblo. In August 2019, the Commission met in Pueblo and Pueblo had the greatest turnout in the State. This means there is a lot of interest for passenger rail in Pueblo.

MPO STAFF REPORT

- (A) Request for PACOG to Participate in the Statewide Travel Demand Survey in FFY 2021 in the Amount of \$200,000

Mr. John Adams, MPO Manager, stated every ten years the State does a Statewide Travel Survey, which provides information on where people are going and why they are going there. The State will begin doing this in 2020. The State asked staff for a commitment. He stated there are carryover funds that the State and FTA have encouraged them to use or lose them. The amount would be \$200,000. There would \$100,000 used for multi-modal option funds, which are Senate Bill 18-01 funds, and it would be matched with another \$100,000. This would

not cost PACOG anything, noting the funds have already been matched. Staff will be bringing this back to PACOG possibly in August for approval.

Mr. Flores asked after the Statewide Travel Survey is completed, what type of information is in it and how can we utilize it to justify the cost. Mr. Adams replied the MPO has a Travel Demand Model, which provides independent data on people and their habits. The State will survey around 100 people in Pueblo, and this could be used to adjust the local model and make it better. Scenario planning will be done. The model could be used for new developments and would simulate the traffic to a development.

(B) A Bill Concerning the Expansion of Authority for Regional Transportation Matters

Mr. Adams reported there was a bill introduced in the General Assembly in January (House Bill 20-1152) which gives the transportation planning organization the authority to become a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). It was introduced by representatives from Boulder and Adams counties to generate local funds for road projects. It would cut down about a year of going through that process because we wouldn't have to go to the voters for approval to create an RTA. It streamlines the process. The hearing on the bill is March 4th in Denver. He stated he would report on this at the next PACOG meeting.

Mr. Atencio stated the RTA bill is important to localities because we are going to get less and less for transportation funding. This will allow us to form an RTA without going to the voters. Mr. Adams stated this is to form the RTA, noting we still to go to the voters if there needs to be a sales tax increase.

This being an information item, no formal action was taken.

(C) Other Transportation Matters

There were no other transportation matters.

OTHER BUSINESS

(A) School District No. 60 School Bond

Due to Ms. Barbara Clementi's absence, this item will be placed on the next agenda.

(B) Trash Task Force

Mr. Garrison Ortiz thanked the mayor and the City for approving funding in January for this endeavor. The Task Force has been meeting for over a year and is comprised of different individuals throughout the community. All the agreements are in place to secure the cameras. Permission has been obtained to secure the cameras to utility poles throughout the City and County. There will be 12 different cameras that will be rotated regularly between identified locations. Messrs. Chad Wolgram and Ryan Tessman from the Health Department have identified and categorized 60 different dump sites, which need to be addressed throughout the City and County, noting they are keeping data. Both have completed technical training on securing and rotating those cameras. The hotline is up and running. Calls are returned within 24 hours. There have been 80 complaints as of January. Through some of those complaints they have been able to identify 13 different suspects. There are cases currently pending. There

has been a representative from the District Attorney's office at every meeting. All the cameras should be placed throughout the City and County by March and will continue to be rotated. There are signs by the cameras indicating "No Dumping – Area Monitored By The City-County Trash Task Force – Violators Will Be Prosecuted – Fine Up To \$1,000". The County has increased its funds for illegal dumping. The logo used is the Health Department's logo.

Mr. Ortiz stated one of the cleanups, which recently took place, there was somebody who was dumping literally next to the site that was being cleaned up. These cameras must go up and there must be enforcement. He stated having resources and recycling and more affordable waste disposal items are absolutely critical. He stated the enforcement piece is missing and felt this will help.

Mr. Ortiz stated the Task Force is looking to utilize a small amount of those funds to pay the homeless population to cleanup some of these areas. There are legalities to be considered when it comes to this. He is working with the County Attorney on this. The program has not been put into place yet, but it is hoped to be set up by March. They are working in tandem with the Pueblo Cooperative Care Center on the program. He stated it would be done like ones being done in New Mexico and Minnesota.

Mr. Aguilera asked if there anyone has been prosecuted. Mr. Ortiz replied there are cases pending, but he didn't think anything has been adjudicated. There is a firm commitment that there will be some cases that will be seen all the way through this year.

Ms. Cordova-Catalano stated she lives in Pueblo West and asked how the fines would be implemented, noting she knows some sites. Mr. Ortiz replied the County is still able to enforce any fines for violations, which may be cited by Mr. Tessman in the Pueblo West area. He stated Mr. Tessman was sworn in by the Pueblo County Sheriff's office earlier this year. He has written tickets, noting it is hoped to channel those fines directly back into the pool of funds, which totals approximately \$25,000. This money is used to cleanup sites. He asked Ms. Cordova-Catalano to let the Task Force know so that they can be added to the list of dumping sites.

Mr. Schilling asked if this is on the City and County websites. Mr. Ortiz replied it is on the Health Department's website. Mr. Schilling stated it should be on all the websites. Mr. Ortiz responded the City and County websites could have a link to the Health Department's website. Ms. Cordova-Catalano suggested linking Pueblo West to the website.

Mr. Flores stated there are two things which stand out to him. Number one are the fees that are charged out at the landfill. The other is mandatory trash service. He asked if these two things are on the Task Force's plate or does it fall someplace else. Mr. Ortiz responded there was a great turnout at their first meeting because some people felt that mandatory trash service was on their plate, but it is not. He stated this is not the goal of the Task Force. It is focused on illegal dumping and finding more resources for dumping. He stated, with respect to the fees, the agreement on the fees at the landfill were coming up for renewal in the future between the City and the private operator. He stated they want to get some feedback and work with the City on it when it comes up for renewal. Mr. Kogovsek stated it is not on this year's to-do list. The City is in negotiation with the operator (Waste Management) regarding expanding the Southside Landfill, noting they are running out of space. It is a good time to negotiate before giving them approval. The siting process is a State matter (Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment) rather than a local matter. Both City and State permits need to be obtained.

Mr. Ortiz stated there has been active participation by the local trash haulers, specifically C&C Disposal, who has donated several roll-offs. They have been working diligently with the Task Force and have also been helping with the recycling end. He commended them for their participation.

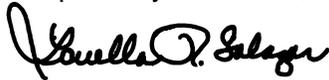
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Gradisar asked if PACOG would like to have a presentation on municipalization. Chairman Wiseman replied yes and noted it would be placed on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further regular business before PACOG, it was motioned by Bob Schilling, seconded by Garrison Ortiz, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:21 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, March 26, 2020, at 12:15 p.m., at the Pueblo County Emergency Operations Center, 101 West 10th Street, 1st Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,



Louella R. Salazar
PACOG Recording Secretary

LRS