



Notes
Advisory Committee for Environmental Sustainability (ACES)
October 9, 2025
5:30 PM
Superior Community Center
1500 Coalton Road

This meeting will be held in person and online. Members of the public may [participate in the meeting via Zoom](#) ([instructions](#)) or [view the meeting on YouTube](#) (closed captioning available). The recording of the meeting will be made available on [YouTube](#) and at [SuperiorColorado.gov](#) after the meeting.

1. Call Meeting to Order (5:32 PM)
2. Preliminary Matters
 - a. Roll Call
 - Present: Jim Zarske, Michelle Gazarik, Lisa Barnes, John Heckman, Miles Hoffman (present for motion approval)
 - Absent: Patrick Payne
 - Staff Present: Alexis Bullen
 - b. Approval of Agenda
 - c. Public Comment (limit 5 minutes/person): None
3. Updates
 - a. Town Council Liaison
 - RAQC is developing a blueprint for strategies to improve air pollution. Jen will send a copy of the blueprint to ACES. There is a retreat to discuss the blueprint on 11/7/2025.
 - The mayor will present the State of Superior on October 29 at the Civic Space
 - b. Town Staff
 - Hiring staff specialist
 - A candidate for ACES will be interviewed by Town Council at the Monday meeting
 - Superior is applying for a the Boulder County Sustainability grant to fix inverters for the solar panels at the South Pool
 - Waste diversion was great at Chili Fest (62%)
 - An EV truck (Ford Lightning) purchase for Parks and Rec is on the agenda for own Council approval at Monday's meeting.
 - The Town Volunteer Dinner will be held on November 6
4. Discussion Items
 - a. Energy and EV Code updates & grant presentation

- The Town is planning to update the energy code in 2026
 - Superior has been part of a Regional Energy Code Cohort for front range communities since Phase 1 (2021)
 - The Cohort is now in Phase 3
 - The IECC 2024 Code is the baseline for the Cohort code.
 - The Colorado Energy Office & Energy has prepared a statewide code that is also considered by the Cohort.
 - The Regional Cohort Amendment Package has been prepared. It meets or exceeds the 2024 IECC Code and simplifies the State Code since it is tailored to the metro region Climate Zone (5B).
 - The Code Package will apply to new construction only.
 - The Code Package provides options for stronger electric preferred pathways
- b. Other Codes being considered
- Updating all 2024 Building Codes
 - Adopting Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) code
 - Updating Electric Vehicle Code –to meet state model code to clarify requirements for EV charger installations and right size for new development
- c. DRCOG Building Policy Collaborative Subaward (grant from EPA)
- \$300,000 is allocated for Superior and staff is working on the application to describe how it will be used. Superior will partner with Safe Build on implementation.
- d. Event educational tool
- CU engineering students, River Paramto and Phoebe Fisher, presented a prototype for a new tabletop interactive educational tool for ACES to use at events
 - The tool is a table-top pinball machine that will result in users getting various questions about sustainability and possibly a prize
 - Nov 15 will be the engineering expo at CU where the tool will be displayed
- e. Fall Fest Volunteers
- John and Jim volunteered to attend the Fall Fest
 - Lisa will stop by the booth
- f. Holiday event swag
- Michele moved to spend the remainder of the budget on swag for the upcoming holiday events
 - Lisa seconded
 - Unanimously approved
- g. Eco-Leader update
- Michelle and Alexis met with the Superior Eco Leaders
 - Eco Leader training will be Oct 30 from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Civic Center space – through Eco Cycle
- h. ACES 2026 Workplan
- Alexis marked up the 2025 Workplan based on changes for 2026
 - Discussion of ACES charter, historic approach to workplans
 - Some members made concrete discussion. Discussion will need to continue next time and be based on track changes updates to the Dropbox by ACES members

5. Adjourn (7:38 PM)

Action Items:

- 1) Develop one-pager on preserving food leftovers
- 2) All ACES members can add suggestions to the 2026 Work Plan in Drop Box in track changes

Next Meeting: November 13, 2025, at the Superior Community Center