

**MEMORANDUM  
FROM THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD**

**Date:** December 11, 2010  
**To:** David Roy and Council Members  
**From:** Liz Pruessner on behalf of the Natural Resources Advisory Board  
**Subject:** Proposed Commercial and Residential Code Green Building Amendments

The NRAB reviewed the proposed Commercial and Residential Code Green Building Amendments at our November 17, 2010 meeting. The Board voted unanimously in support of the concept of the proposed Commercial and Residential Code Green Building Amendments with one proviso regarding the water efficiency and conservation section of the Commercial code amendments. The draft dated 11/4/2010 included specific measures for water conservation including water meters for multi-family dwellings. The draft presented at our meeting dated 11/17/2010 listed only one item under water conservation: Maximum fixture flow rates and referenced a table which was not presented in the draft. NRAB feels it is important for families to be cognizant of their water usage. This information is provided to residents living in single family homes. NRAB recommends that water should be metered in multi-family dwellings. When such information is available people can make informed choices to conserve which results in saving money and resources.

We like the recommendations aimed at promoting recycling and reducing construction waste for both commercial and residential buildings. Diverting this waste stream would go a long way toward helping Ft. Collins achieve our goal of reducing solid waste going into the landfill by 50%.

NRAB is supportive of the approach taken by Staff to strategically tailor the amendments to make existing code “greener” and to incorporate both a code element and market-driven element. This will result in a better package for city residents and businesses. We enthusiastically support the Green Building Program goal to increasingly align Fort Collins’ built environment with the community goals of reduced carbon emissions, reduced energy use and reduced water use. Further, we are very excited to see that Sustainability principles are being incorporated into the Green Building Program and that the Benefits and Costs analysis will include a triple-bottom-line approach that reflects social, economic and environmental impacts.

We look forward to reviewing the package as it develops and urge Council to keep Ft. Collins moving forward with our Green Building Program by incorporating Commercial and Residential Green Building Amendments into code. We do want to continue to be a leader in Colorado on this issue.

Please feel free to contact me regarding the NRAB’s comments.

Respectfully Submitted,

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