

## Meeting Notes for Stakeholders Meeting, August 10th, 2004

Attendees: Steve Andrews, John Beldock, Susan Castellon, Patty Crow, Traci D'Alessio, Ron Ebenkamp, Dean Fraley, Sara Larnia, Peggy Plate, Doug Sieter, Doug Swartz, Jody Wagner, Lauren Yarmuth. Facilitator: Suzanne Jarboe-Simpson.

### Meeting Details

The check-in process was informative as usual. See below for an update from those in attendance. In the future, meeting notes will be posted on [www.coloradoenergy.org](http://www.coloradoenergy.org). We hope to use this website to further our goals of collaboration and communication! Possible names for this new group were discussed but there was no consensus. There will be an on-line voting process coming your way soon. If you have suggestions please get them to Susan Castellon soon. Be creative! The second half of the meeting the group divided up into small subcommittees to work on action items from the New Home Stakeholders report. See details below. The next meeting's date is set for **Oct 12<sup>th</sup> at Tri-State, 1-4pm**. Everyone is encouraged to attend and to bring a friend. Please RSVP!

### What's Happening Out There?

Patty Crow, EPA

- EPA will be looking for concept papers to fund projects in the near future, funding levels could be \$50,000 - \$500,000, most likely less. Contact [crow.patty@epa.gov](mailto:crow.patty@epa.gov) for additional information or call 303-312-6464.
- Millennium Builder Awards, nominations are being accepted now.
- Energy Star PSA's will start running on TV starting August 13 in Colorado
- ENERGY STAR for New Homes seminars scheduled for 9/16 in Ft. Collins and 9/17 in Colorado Springs

John Beldock, EcoBrokers

- Several class offerings this September. See [www.ecobroker.com](http://www.ecobroker.com) for more info.

Peggy Plate, Western Area Power Administration

- Colorado Renewable Energy Society Northern Branch will be hosting a Solar Homes Tour Oct 1-3rd; they will be featuring Jamie Sabin and the Zero Energy Home. For more info go to: [www.ncres.org](http://www.ncres.org).

Rob Ebenkamp, Tri-State Generation and Transmission

- Tri-State Board of Directors voted for a 13% rate increase. This will affect all 44 members of the Tri-State Co-op and will make energy more expensive for thousands of Colorado residents.

Lauren Yarmuth, ENSAR Consulting

- Introduced a new home certification program being piloted in Colorado. Green Advantage partners with US Green Building Council to provide training, testing and certification for Building Practitioners. See [www.GreenAdvantage.org](http://www.GreenAdvantage.org) for more info.

Doug Sieter, US DOE

- Building America has access to limited funding (approximately \$25,000 for a 12-state region) for deployment of Building America research in

our region. Money will most likely go toward supporting events, conferences, technical assistance and/or workshops. Contact Doug for more information on how to access these funds.

- Stakeholders who have been involved in past Building America grant activities are being asked for input to the 2005 Building America Special Projects solicitation. The first round of stakeholder input has been received and sent to DOE HQ. The process will be complete by October.

Dean Fraley, Environments For Living

- Business is good, lots of builder interest. Dean noted that fiberglass insulation has experienced a 50% price increase; price increases for other types of insulation to follow this fall. Increase seems to be based on demand.

Traci D'Alessio

- Houses That Work Session will be in Grand Junction on Saturday, October 2nd from 8:00 to 4:00. Go to the EEBA Website for further information and registration: [www.eeba.org](http://www.eeba.org)
- 2004 Built Green Awards. Nominations are being accepted in 7 different categories. Application deadline is Sept. 24 at noon. Go to [www.builtgreen.org](http://www.builtgreen.org) for information, or call Kim Calomino at (303) 778-1400 x320
- Built Green Energy and Environmental Affairs committee passed a vote to move energy efficiency requirements to 10% greater than IECC2003 or a HERS rating of 84. This will be effective July 2005.

Doug Swartz, City of Fort Collins Utilities

- August 28<sup>th</sup> there will be a tour focusing on high performing homes at Aspen Homes, for details go to [www.fcgov.com/utilities](http://www.fcgov.com/utilities).
- The New Stakeholder Group Reports are being mailed out; Doug would like assistance in getting them to building industry audiences. Contact him to get reports or to let him know who to send them to.

Simon Baker, Colorado Springs Utilities

- Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Pilot Project (w/ E-Star and SWEEP) launched Aug 12 with a contractor's luncheon to market the concept and screen for innovators/committed participants. Training and monitoring will follow.
- "Houses that Work" Seminar--July 7. Good turn out, very successful.
- ENERGY STAR for New Homes Seminar--Sept 17. EPA/DOE/E-Star presenting. Marketing the event, hoping to build on the success of the HTW seminar. Co-marketing with Ft. Collins Utilities' parallel event on Sept 16--seems like a good idea to build credibility and mobilize a regional effort.

Perry Rosensweig, E-Star Colorado

- New Millennium Builder Award (NMBA). **Application Due Date:** September 3, 2004. **Awards Ceremony:** November 16, 2004. For more information on these or any other E-Star Colorado events, visit [www.e-star.com](http://www.e-star.com) (Click on Announcements and Events).

- Energy Star for New Homes Seminars. This seminar will provide valuable information on recent developments through the ENERGY STAR program. **Seminar Dates:** Fort Collins -- September 16, 2004, Colorado Springs -- September 17, 2004.
- The High Performance Home Seminar. This seminar explains the features of a High Performance Home and how homeowners can positively affect its performance. High Performance Homes offer significant energy efficiency, safety, ecological, comfort, and durability benefits. **Audience:** All energy and construction professionals. **Remaining Dates in YR2004:** September 16, 2004 (Thursday), November 9, 2004 (Tuesday).

#### Small Group Sub Committees

The following sub committees were formed based on interest by those who were at the meeting. No prioritization was done, and all action items were treated equally. It is understood that these committees may be fluid in make up and direction, depending on interest and attendance. It will be helpful if, eventually, a leader for each group is identified to carry the mission forward.

Action Item A: Periodically evaluate housing performance

*Doug Swartz, Susan Castellon, Patty Crow*

Action Item B: Building consumer awareness of high-performing homes

*Steve Andrews, Jodi Wagner, Ron Ebenkamp*

Action Item D: Develop targeted awareness efforts of builders and trade Partners

*Simon Baker, Traci Di'Alessio*

Action Item F: Provide training for sales staff and real estate agents

*John Beldock, Peggy Plate, Dean Fraley, Sara Larnia*

Action Item G: Support new home certification

*Doug Seiter, Lauren Yarmouth, Perry Rosensweig*

All sub committees are looking for additional members!

Information gathered from the sub-committees will be included on the web link at [www.coloradoenergy.org](http://www.coloradoenergy.org) as soon as we have space on that website. At the end of the August meeting there were no specific tasks the groups were going to take action on, although the small groups were encouraged to be in touch with each other between meetings to move forward any action items they identified.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00. The next meeting will be October 12<sup>th</sup> 1-4 pm at Tri-State.

Call Susan Castellon for more details. (303) 894-2383 x1223.